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Iran split by inner struggles

By Hassan Lakis
Special Correspondent

TEHRAN, Jan. 9 — The general counter-offensive announced by Iran's President Bani-Sadr six days ago is seen to relate directly to the power struggle within the country between the president and the clergy represented by the Islamic Republican Party.

One of the clergy's main charges against the president is his indecisiveness as a military leader, and the inactivity of the regular armed forces, which are constitutionally under his command. The general counter-attack he ordered is designed more to meet



(Wirephoto)

BRIEFING: Iran's President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr (center) receives a briefing from his commanding officers during an inspection tour on the western war front in Khuzestan at the beginning of Iran's counter-offensive.

committee told Arab News, "We fully realize that President Bani-Sadr came to power by a vast vote. We also realize that the Imam (Khomeini) respects the popular will and will not make any moves opposing it. But we also know that the Imam will respect the popular will when it turns against the president."

Asked how the Imam will know when the popular mood had shifted away from the president, he said this would be indicated by such things as "demonstrations, strikes, attacks in the media." And this campaign already has started. Its interruption by the news of Iran's counter-attack against the Iraqis is expected to be temporary whatever the outcome. In his fight for his political life, the president is hampered by the lack of an organized party.

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this criticism and enhance the reputation of the armed forces than to seek a final military resolution to the conflict with Iraq.

The Islamic Republican Party's declared aim is the ouster of the president, and the attack on the armed forces is seen as a step toward that aim. The party is known to have demanded the expansion of the irregular forces under its command, known as the Pasdaran or Islamic Guard, and obtain heavy equipment for it, in an effort to counterbalance the regular forces.

The struggle between the supporters of the president and those of the party was coming to a head in the period just before the declared counter-attack against the Iraqis. There was a lull in the crisis last December, as Ayatollah Khomeini banned demonstrations organized by the party against the president — a move which was interpreted as a tactical withdrawal on the part of the clergy rather than a genuine desire by the ayatollah to reconcile the two factions.

Most observers here have come to feel that Ayatollah Khomeini is siding decisively with the party against the president, and that it is only a matter of time before the full weight of his authority will be brought to bear on the issue.

On the timing of such a move, a member of the Islamic Republican Party's executive

Under French energy plan

Gas to be vegetable-ized

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R) — French Industry Minister Andre Girard is to launch a plan soon encouraging the use of vegetable-based alcohol in petrol, a ministry spokesman said Friday.

She refused to confirm or deny a report in the Paris business daily Les Echos that the plan would begin with a decree allowing oil companies to put up to 65 per cent alcohol in petrol.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing called for a program promoting the use of vegetable-based fuels in a letter to Prime Minister Raymond Barre in November. A spokesman for the Sugar Beet Planters' Association, which has been campaigning for the use of beet-based carbohydrates as a way of using surplus production, welcomed the news. "We have worked hard to bring this about," she said.

France depends on imported oil for about 50 per cent of its total energy requirements. French vulnerability to oil supply interruptions was demonstrated when the Iraq-Iran war cut off oil from Iraq which counted for 23 per cent of its crude imports.

Much of this shortfall has been made up from alternative suppliers including Gulf countries and from stocks. Brazil pioneered the use of the gasohol, as alcohol mixed with petrol is known, getting the alcohol from its sugar plantations. By Brazilian government decree it is compulsory to add five per cent alcohol to petrol and under a 1975 program Brazil has tried to develop cars which drive on alcohol alone.

President Carter set the goal of producing enough gasohol in the United States to substitute for 10 per cent of all petrol consumption there by 1990.

From resignation or military coup Begin reign faces destruction

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 — Israelis for the first time have begun openly discussing the possibility that the Israeli military might stage a coup d'etat in an effort to resolve the country's political crisis. Sources inside Israel said the current government crisis, coupled with the country's economic woes, was generating public concern over the rise of fascism in Israel.



Menachem Begin

Meanwhile, Israeli government sources and newspapers Thursday said Prime Minister Menachem Begin, challenged by his worst government crisis, may resign next week, setting new elections in spring. After weeks of negotiations, Begin has set Sunday as the deadline to resolve a split between two key cabinet ministers over teachers' salaries.

Begin has not taken a public position on either the teachers' dispute or the cabinet crisis. Begin's spokesman said the prime minister had not decided what to do if he fails at Sunday's meeting to force a compromise between the Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who is insisting on a pay rise for teachers, and Finance Minister Yigael Horowitz who is opposing it.

1980 growth at 1.8 per cent

Bonn economy snags

BONN, Jan. 9 (R) — West Germany Friday reported a marked slowdown in economic growth in 1980, with the economy apparently in recession for the last three quarters of the year.

Provisional official statistics showed the economy grew by 1.8 per cent last year, much less than the government forecast, and well below the 4.5 per cent growth achieved in 1979. An economics ministry spokesman said a buoyant first quarter was apparently entirely responsible for the fact that the real gross national product (GNP) grew at all in 1980.

"The figures don't look good at the moment. The problems lie in the depth of recession than its duration," he said. West Germany went into recession later than other major western industrialized countries and ministers still hope it will emerge more rapidly than competitors.

But Friday's figures suggest the government must have underestimated the extent of economic downturn, although officials have revised economic targets downwards recently.

Finance Minister Hans Matthoerfer said in mid-September that a 5.5 per cent growth rate was still possible. As recently as mid-October, government figures predicted growth would reach two per cent over the

year. The effects of the recession are apparent in the sharp rise in unemployment, with latest figures showing 1.1 million West Germans are out of work and another 350,000 on part-time work.

Although the federal statistics office gave no figure for the fourth quarter of 1980, economic analysts said it was possible to deduce a fall of between 0.5 and one per cent in GNP for that period from the overall figure announced. One economist predicted the recession would continue into the second half of this year and could be prolonged by any further rise in oil prices.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) expects the West German economy to shrink by 0.25 per cent in 1981 while the Bonn government is still clinging to predictions of up to 0.5 per cent real growth.

The disappointing growth figures followed several other indicators this week that the economy is weakening. Incoming orders for manufacturing industry were down almost three per cent in November and iron and steel production also slumped in 1980, according to latest statistics.

The bleak outlook has prompted renewed calls from West German trade unions and left-wing social democrats for a government program to stimulate the economy.

Japan hit for PLO invitation

TOKYO, Jan. 9 — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was reported to have criticized Japan for inviting PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to visit the country this year.

Japanese media reported that Shamir, while talking to Japanese reporters in occupied Jerusalem, criticized Japan for linking too closely Japan's economic profit and seeking oil supplies to its Middle East policy. Shamir cautioned Japan to have a more realistic understanding of the problem of the region.

Last December, a group of Japanese lawmakers belonging to a Supraparty Palestine Friendship Body, sent a delegation headed by Toshio Kimura, former foreign minister and member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, to Lebanon and Syria to meet and discuss with the Palestine Liberation Organization high command to develop further relations on a political level.

Chairman Arafat was invited by the parliamentarians to visit Japan. Japanese Prime Minister, Zentaro Suzuki, has expressed a deep desire to meet Arafat when the latter

Times has hope for new buyer

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AFP) — The Thomson Group hopes to find a buyer for the Times and Sunday Times newspapers by the end of this month, a group director, Gordon Brunton, said.

Brunton, who had met leaders of the main unions involved, said that all possible buyers had laid down that agreement must be reached with the unions at national as well as workshop level on staff numbers and new technologies before they made their offers.

France to boost African troops

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R) — France is reinforcing its troops in Africa in reaction to the projected merger of Libya and Chad, defense ministry officials said Friday. The Ministry said the decision was made by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at a meeting with the key defense officials and African affairs specialists Thursday.

Somalia, U.S. discuss military agreement

MOGADISHU, Jan. 9 (AFP) — A four-man U.S. Congress delegation held separate meetings here Thursday with President Muhammad Siad Barre and the President of Somalia's People's Assembly (parliament) Ismail Ali Abokor, the official Somali News Agency (SONA) reported Friday.

No details of the talks were given, but observers here believe that the congressmen, led by Democrat Clarence Young, were mainly centered on possible aid to Somalia. Observers said the two parties would also have reviewed terms of the U.S.-Somalia military cooperation agreement signed in Washington last year.

remain in power. The resignation of either minister and the loss of his party to the coalition would reduce Begin's support below the required 50 per cent.

The teachers' issue was the latest in a long series of internecine cabinet fights that has kept the government tottering on the edge of collapse for months.

"There are too many hesitations, too much stammering and not enough action," said Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, leader of the Liberal wing of Begin's Likud. "Perhaps this government is not entitled to serve out its days."

However some Israelis fear that if the Begin government falls, right-wing generals will try to seize power to prevent the Labor Party from recapturing the reins of government, sources said. There are already signs of growing military involvement in Israel's political arena.

A number of active-duty and retired generals have formed a new political group called "Citizens for the State," which has come out in favor of restrictions on civil liberties in the interest of national security.

Among the generals involved in this group are Gen. Avigdor Ben Gal, commander of the northern region, Gen. Dan Shamon, commander of the southern region, former Air Force Commander Benny Peled and ex-army Chief of Staff Chaim Laskov.

"Citizens for the State" was highlighted this week in an article in a major Israeli news-

paper. The article was entitled: "The generals are coming to get you, Begin."

Meanwhile Shimon Peres, leader of the Israeli Labor Party, has canceled an important trip to the United States, signaling an escalation of Israel's government crisis.

Peres, whose party heads the opposition to the Begin government, was expected here next week for talks with officials in the incoming Reagan administration. The Labor Party leader was also scheduled to attend the inauguration of President-elect Reagan on Jan. 20.

Peres had planned to discuss with Reagan's advisers the so-called "Jordanian option," a Labor Party strategy for involving Jordan in the Middle East peace process at the expense of the Palestinians.

His American visit was suddenly cancelled this week, so that Peres would be able to take part in any parliamentary no-confidence votes against the beleaguered Begin government.

Begin's Likud coalition was approaching the breaking point, as several domestic controversies threatened to produce key defections from the Likud ranks which would eliminate the government's parliamentary majority.

Israeli newspapers are predicting that new elections will be held May 17, far in advance of the scheduled autumn polling date. Some sources say the elections could be held even earlier than May.

Siemens gets contract

MUNICH, Jan. 9 (R) — The West German firm Siemens said Friday it has won a 450 million mark (\$225 million) order from Saudi Arabia for electrical engineering equipment and plant.

A company statement said the plant, which includes 14 transformers, will be used to improve energy supply in Jeddah, Mecca and Taif.

About \$21 million will go to Transformatoreo Union AG, a Siemens subsidiary. The plant's installation should be completed by the end of 1982, the statement said.

OPEC money in U.S. ranks low as investments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 — Investors from the major oil-exporting countries accounted for less than two per cent of all foreign direct investments in the United States in 1979, according to new U.S. government figures.

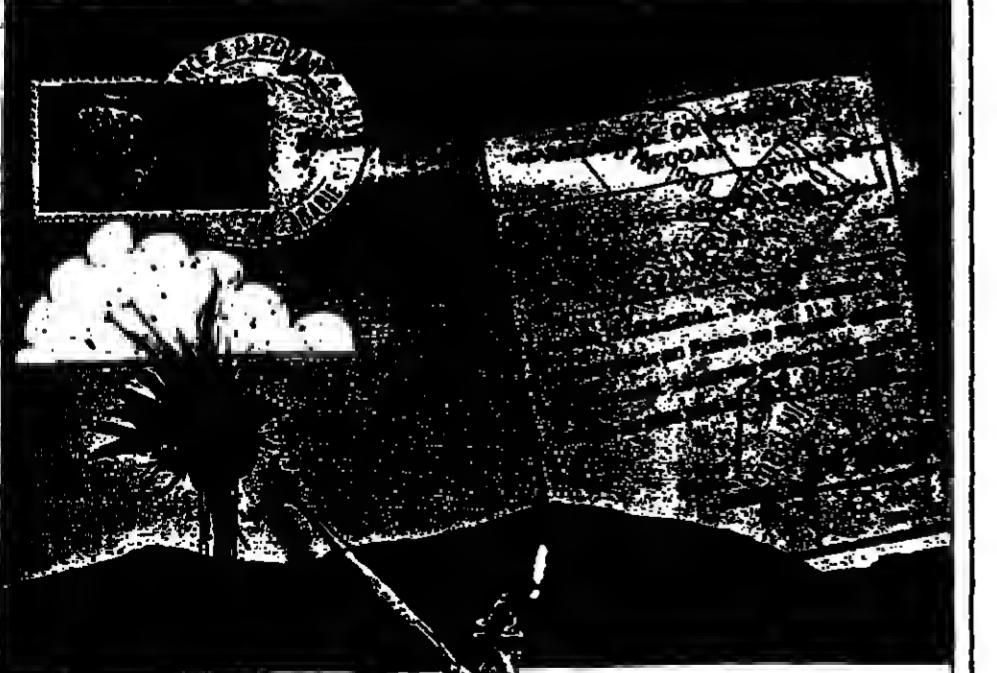
While recorded direct investment transactions in the U.S. involving persons, firms or governments of the member-states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) rose 18 per cent in 1979 over the previous year, the value of these transactions was only 1.9 per cent of all recorded foreign investment in the United States (OFIUS).

Recorded OPEC investments totaled \$350.6 million in 1979, compared with over-all foreign investments of \$18.2 billion.

The 39 OPEC transactions recorded in 1979 represented 2.7 per cent of the total number of 1,312 foreign investments identified by the government agency.

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Abdo Yamani says

Social insurance spreads prosperity

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Government efforts to achieve prosperity is not restricted to enormous allocations for education, health and vocational training, but also covers social insurance and social care, the information minister said Friday.

Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani stated that the budget for the Social Care Agency of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has increased by 48 per cent during the present fiscal year. The agency's budget amounted to SR496.3 million this year, compared to SR239.3 million last year.

Dr. Yamani said the state pays great attention to the manpower training and development program to achieve its aspirations of a prosperous society. "Prosperity and preparing nationals for effective participation in the development of the country are the basic objectives of the state with all its ministries, especially the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs," he added.

"The government provides all necessary procedures to train the work force, secure equal opportunities and beneficial employment in addition to social care and youth welfare," Dr. Yamani said. He hailed the social insurance system and its achievements during the eight years since its establishment.

The social insurance provides regular income for employees of the government and private sector in case of retirement, disability or death, and has been enforced during the fiscal year 1977-1978 for private companies with more than 20 employees, in addition to all government departments, the information minister said.



INSPECTION: Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, information minister, and Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, Deputy minister, inspect site preparations for the summit conference.

He expressed hope that as of next year the system will extend to private companies employing between 10 and 19 workers.

Dr. Yamani pointed out that the number of recipients in social insurance reached 1.58 million, of which 1.36 are from the private sector and about 220,000 are government employees. Employers participating in the

system have increased to 5,230 from the private sector compared to 733 government departments and public organizations.

The total pensions and compensations issued by the social insurance organization last year amounted to SR 16.2 million, he said. The number of institutions to which the social insurance system has been applied

have increased by 400 per cent since the start of the system. This shows the government's efforts to have public and private sector employees subscribe to the social insurance system.

Dr. Yamani hailed the important role of the social insurance system in the stability, security and care to provide for families and individuals. He said the social insurance organization's budget for the current fiscal year amounts to SR 2.189 billion, 13 per cent more than last year's.

The budget allocated SR 100 million as pensions and aid for people unable to work because of economic or social reasons. The assistance will be issued on a monthly basis, or as emergency aid for people hit by natural disasters.

The minister referred to other social care fields provided by the government. He said that there are now 28 centers for social education, social guidance, and care, reform centers, social welfare center for children and old people. There also are four vocational rehabilitation centers for disabled or retarded girls.

Dr. Yamani said the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs helps families of handicapped people with SR 6,000 annually. Blind people get extra care in training, he said.

Minister leads Gulf labor delegation

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, left for Abu Dhabi Friday to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the third session of the Arab Gulf Labor and Social Affairs Ministerial Council opening there Saturday.

The meeting will review the social welfare institutions' role in promoting society in the Arab Gulf. It will assess the services rendered by each Gulf state to its labor force to boost the workers' productivity along with their liv-

ing standards. Ministers also will adopt the statute of the ministerial council's follow-up bureau. They will discuss cooperation and coordination in the field of labor and social affairs.

Sheikh Ibrahim is accompanied by Muhammad Al-Faiz, governor of the Gen-

eral Social Security Organization; Rashed Mokhes, assistant undersecretary for social affairs; Muhammad Al-Malek, assistant undersecretary for social welfare; Dr. Yassin Anderqiri, manpower director general; and Mahmoud Said Al-Khaleli, director general for international organizations.

COMMENT

By Abdul Aziz Al-Nahari
Al Bilad

Once I sat down to ask myself whether it is difficult for us to change our country in order to bring it in line with the advanced Western countries.

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I believe we also can do all this easily, and nothing can be impossible if all of us fulfill our obligations sincerely. Everyone, including the mayor, the landlord, the head of a department and even the ordi-

nary official himself is a citizen, and if everyone of us understood and carried out his responsibility in a desired manner, we would be able to render commendable services to our country and the people alike.

But, unfortunately, what we observe is that some people come to the office at 10 o'clock instead of eight, the house refuse is recklessly dumped on the street and the postman, who is entrusted with a 100 letters, delivers only a score of them. All these matters form the backbone of patriotism. It is only our honesty, sincerity, selfless service and the will to work that would put us on the road to progress. Even our faith urges us to fulfill our obligations. If we work as the faith enjoins, we are sure to reach the goal of progress and prosperity.

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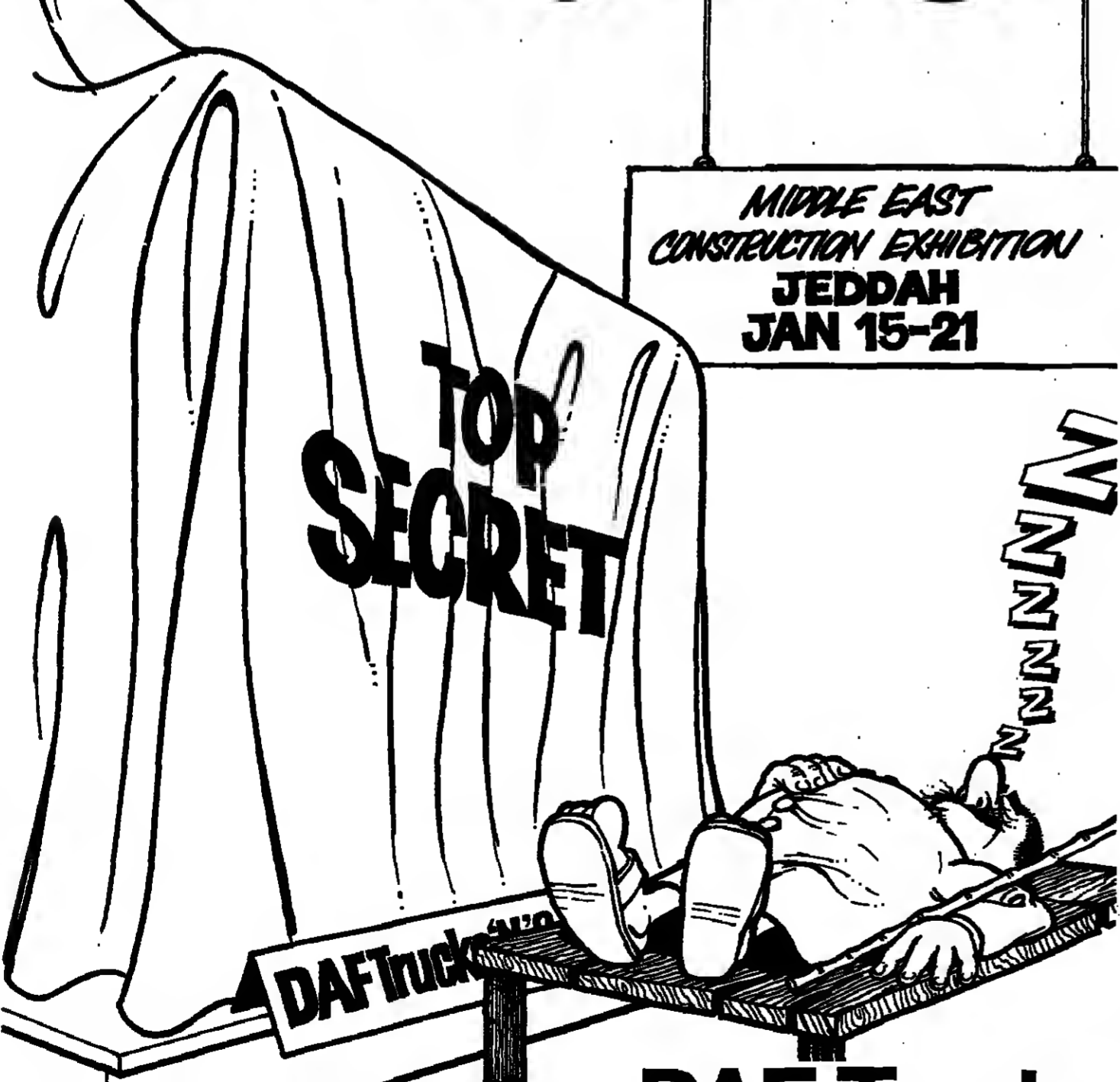
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Islamic bank adds expertise

Summit to discuss economics

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Discussions at the third Islamic summit will focus on an elaborate economic strategy to ensure the economic welfare of Islamic states during the present decade, according to Abhad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank.

Ali added that the bank had taken an active part in meetings held at the headquarters of the Organization of Islamic Conference during summit preparations. The summit opens Jan. 25.

The strategy includes programs for boost-

ing agricultural and food production, promoting trade among Islamic countries, promoting industry, communications, science and technology Ali said. The plan also covers financial, banking, health, population, technical cooperation and energy fields. The bank's objective is to promote economic and social development in Islamic countries by adhering to Islamic economic and banking concepts which considers interest on capital as usury, and excludes it from transactions. The IDB's activities include equity participation, profit

sharing, loans and across-the-board grants, leasing and the financing of foreign trade — mostly between member states.

Dr. Ali said the IDB to date contributed in 95 projects in 35 member states. It also established close relations with a number of international institutions in the development field, such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Kuwait Special Fund, The Arab League Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization and others. It also established relations with economic institutions of its member states.

Meanwhile, Arab diplomats in Jeddah expressed confidence Thursday that the forthcoming Islamic summit will be conclusive. In statements published by *Al-Riyadh*, the emissaries said the conference will help greatly the cause of Jerusalem which is now under Zionist occupation. They said the summit will chart the Islamic countries' political strategy for the future. All of the officials described the conference as historic because of the time and place in which it is being held. They lauded Saudi Arabia for its relentless endeavors to heal rifts between member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. They stressed that the summit is not directed against anyone, but aims primarily at uniting Muslim ranks.

Sheikh Ahmad ibn Saif Al-Thani, Qatar's state minister for foreign affairs said in Jeddah that the summit will identify all the obstacles to Islamic action in the various fields with a view to removing them.



A view of the gallery

Jeddah art gallery to open

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, Jan. 9 — The first art gallery of its kind in the country opens here Saturday at the Redec Plaza. Owner Gaith Rashad Pharoan started the display as a public service, and the gallery will display work by some leading contemporary artists of France. Proceeds from the sales of paintings will be remitted to the artists. "The whole concept," according to organizers, "is to provide an art gallery of high caliber where art lovers can spend hours enjoying the latest in French oil paintings."

Girls' education conference ends

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Directors of Girls Education in Saudi Arabia wound up their second five-day conference here on the second and third five-year-plans of the General Organization of Girls Education. They dealt with educational, administrative and financial problems. Sheikh Rashed ibn Saleh ibn Khanin, director general of girls education, urged educators to exert more effort to promote the education of girls in harmony with Islamic tenets.

Earlier in the day, the educators were met

by King Khaled. They were also received by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman who reviewed with them the development of girls education in various parts of the Kingdom in recent years as a result of King Khaled's and Crown Prince Fahd's instructions. He reminded them that they shouldered a great responsibility in educating the girls within the confines of Islamic teachings and the country's deep-rooted traditions.

The educators also visited the General Organization of Girls Education and inspected the modern teaching equipment division. They then lunched at the table of Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia Thursday celebrated Arab Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy. Ceremonies were held to highlight the dangers of illiteracy which impedes economic and social development plans. Prizes were awarded to adults who earned honors in their studies in various literacy schools in the Kingdom.

Taif marks PLO anniversary

TAIF, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Taif Emir Sheikh Saleh Al-Salem officiated here Thursday at a ceremony organized by the Palestine Liberation Organization's Bureau to mark the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution. The ceremony was attended by Rafiq Al-Natsha, Fateh's representative to Saudi Arabia.

Natsha highly commended Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad (holy struggle) to liberate Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied Arab territories and thanked the Saudi King, people and government for their continuous support to the Palestinian cause.

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Islamic seminar scheduled

By a staff writer
RIYADH, Jan. 9 — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad and other senior officials will attend a seminar here Jan. 17 on the "Aims and Horizons of Islamic Solidarity" as part of a program launched by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University to coincide with the holding in Saudi Arabia of the Third Islamic Summit.

Red Sea pollution
JEDDAH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — A conference to draw up a program for the protection of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden from pollution

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opens at the Marine Science Institute here Saturday. It will discuss a working paper submitted by Saudi Arabia on the issue. The paper is to be submitted by Saudi Arabia on the issue. The paper is to be submitted to another meeting of legal and environmental experts.

Al-Thanyan returns
RIYADH, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thanyan returned from Manama Thursday at the close of a four-day Gulf tour during

which he conveyed messages from King Khaled to the leaders of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain. The messages were part of the Kingdom's efforts to achieve cooperation, coordination and unity of ranks among brothers.

ZIA DISCUSSES SUMMIT
ISLAMABAD, Jan. 9 (SPA) — Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq Wednesday discussed preparations for the forthcoming Third Islamic Summit in Saudi Arabia with the Kingdom's Ambassador to Pakistan Sheikh Samir Al-Shihabi.

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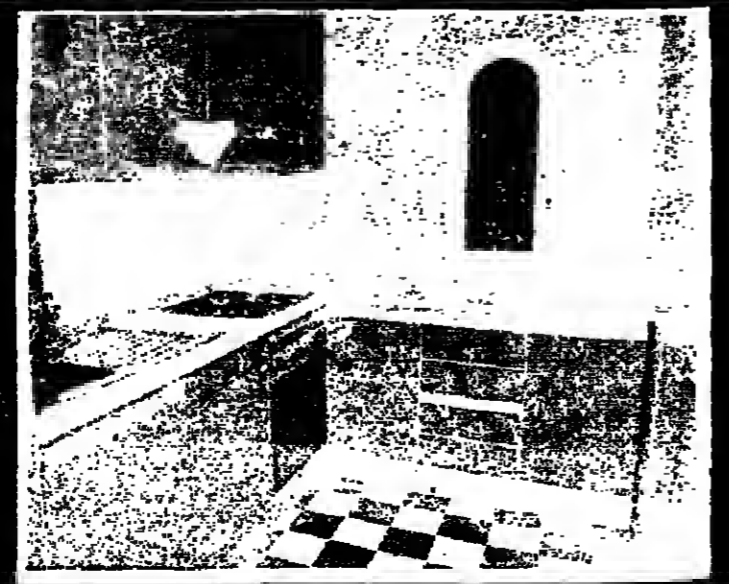
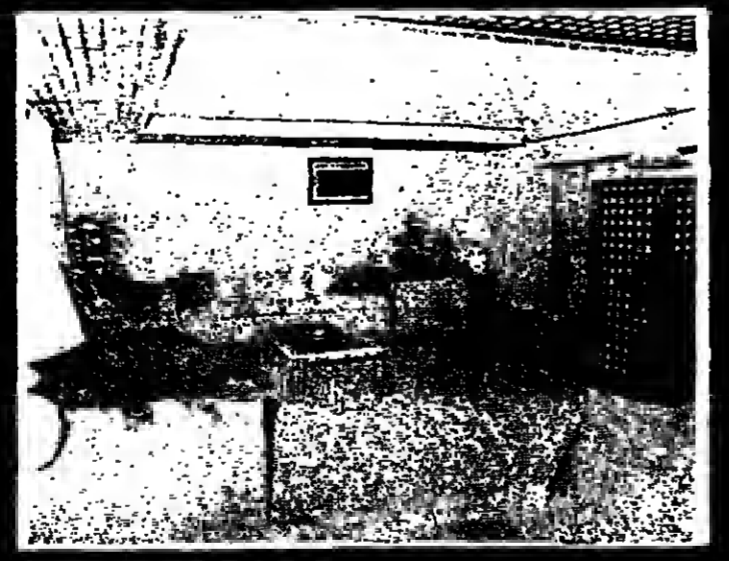
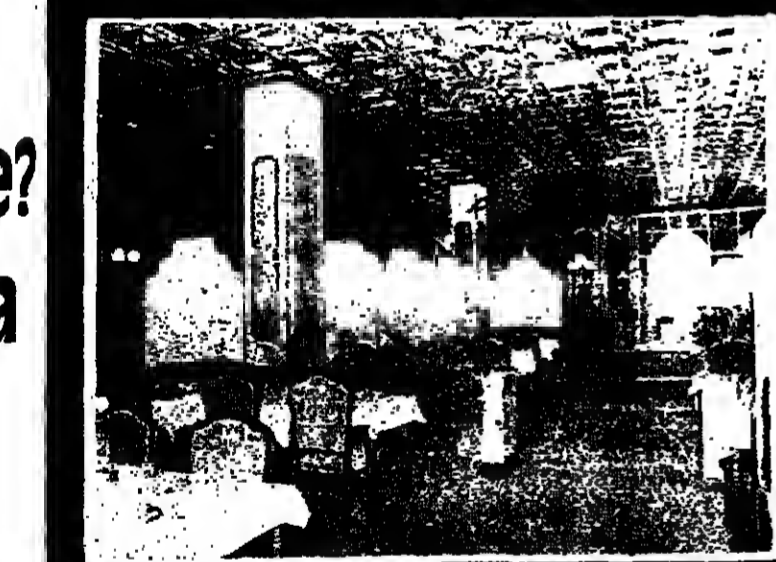
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Palestinian state is imminent, Arafat says

NICOSIA, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — The establishment of a Palestinian state is imminent, Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying in a magazine interview published this week.

"The new year 1981 is the year of the Palestinian option. The establishment of a Palestinian state is imminent and I am very sure the people of Palestine are eager to achieving their goal of establishing their own independent state on their land," the Paris-based Arabic language magazine *Al-Mustakbal* quoted Arafat as saying. Asked whether his optimism was that of a politician or a revolutionary, Arafat was quoted as replying "both."

The magazine also said Arafat wanted the American President-elect Reagan to have a fresh approach to Middle East problems differing from that of the Carter administration. Meanwhile, several thousand Palestinian



Yasser Arafat

students studying abroad were summoned home several weeks ago to undergo intensive military training in Lebanon, reliable Palestinian sources said in Beirut Thursday. The summons was intended to anticipate possible threats to Palestinians in Lebanon, from Israel or from Christian militia in South Lebanon, the sources said.

Palestinian students just beginning or just finishing university studies were exempted, the sources added. But some students, particularly at French universities, had volunteered to return for training.

Mengistu asks Egypt, China to clarify policy

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam has asked China and Egypt to explain their policy toward what he called a decision by "imperialism to arm and strengthen Somalia," official reports said here Thursday. The requests were made in separate meetings Wednesday with Chinese Ambassador Wang Chiu-Chueo and Egyptian envoy Mahmoud Kaseem, the reports added.

The meeting with the Egyptian envoy followed revelations this weekend by a high ranking Egyptian official that Cairo was giving Somalia military aid, including tanks and armored personnel carriers. Ethiopia has taken strong exception to a Somali agreement last August granting the United States use of the Soviet-built Red Sea port of Berbera in exchange for military aid.

Meanwhile, Somali Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samatar who is also Somali vice-president, had discussions in Cairo with Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, a former air force commander and a key figure in Egypt's arms program. He also handed over a message for President Anwar Sadat.

Pledges to foil Libya's plans

Egypt to sever Chad ties

CAIRO, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Egypt decided to break its diplomatic ties with Chad in response to the announcement of the Libyan-Chadian merger earlier this week, a foreign ministry spokesman said. In a statement Thursday carried by the official Middle East News Agency, he added Egypt calls upon "all African sister countries and the international community to see the danger of the conspiracies of Col. Muammer Qaddafi to control the neighboring independent African countries." He urged all African countries "to stand firmly against the Libyan conspiracy and work jointly for the evacuation of the Libyan forces from Chad."

Meanwhile, Sudanese President Gaafar Numeri called Thursday for an "urgent meeting" of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on Chad. In a message to the OAU chairman, President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, in Khartoum he said he was "greatly concerned about what appears to be the almost total handing over" of Chad to Libya by Chadian President Goukouni. Numeri said Goukouni had only been given a temporary mandate by the November 1979 agreement to rule until next month, by which time general elections should have been held. The French government also condemned

the agreement between Chad and Libya saying the accord "ignores the rights of the Chadian people" and "unveils ambitions that constitute a threat to African security."

The United States government said in Washington it was extremely concerned about the implications of the announcement in view of the estimated 4,000 Libyan troops with tanks and artillery now present in Chad.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said in Tripoli that Chad and Libya have agreed to seek "full unity" and not a merger as reported earlier. The sources said Chad President Goukouni during his five-day visit which ended Tuesday, resisted the Libyan pressure to agree to an outright merger of the two countries.

A joint statement issued at the end of Goukouni's visit, as transmitted by Libya's official news agency Jana, said:

"Work is to be carried out to achieve full unity between the two countries — the unity of the masses, where the arms, wealth and power is possessed by the people, with their instruments, the congresses and people's committees."

The sources, who asked out to be identified, said "full unity" does not mean merger as sought by the Libyan government of Col. Muammer Qaddafi. Instead the two countries agreed to some sort of looser association which still remains to be identified, the sources said. Meanwhile, the prospect of the Islamic bomb loomed larger when Libya announced it was launching a full-scale nuclear energy program. Libya is to set up its own atomic energy secretariat and nuclear research center, it was stated.

Two Brotherhood men slain in Syria

DAMASCUS, Jan. 9 (AP) — Two members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood were shot dead here Thursday after a gunbattle with security forces in the town's main old market. Police identified one of the dead men as Ahmad Zain Al-Ahidin, a prominent member of the underground group who had been wanted for over a year.

Police said Al-Ahidin was responsible for several assassinations and anti-government acts of sabotage including last month's murder of Dr. Faysal Sayegh, a doctor of Damascus. The second victim was not named by the police.

Police sources said the gunbattle erupted when a security patrol spotted Al-Ahidin and his companion walking in the main "Hanika Souk" (covered market) in the old part of Damascus and tried to arrest him.

Algeria, Tunisia affirm strong ties

TUNIS, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Tunisia and Algeria reaffirmed here Thursday the "complete harmony and excellence" of the political links between them and pledged to bring their economic ties up to a similar level.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Hassan Benkhochja told the opening session of the two countries' joint cooperation commission that the Maghreb (North-West African) countries had to work for a united front "for the defense of our positions and in economic development."

Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Ben Yahya stressed his country's wish to settle all disputes with Tunisia.

Kissinger visits Oman

BAHRAIN, Jan. 9 (R) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrived in Muscat Thursday on a three-day private visit to Oman following his tour of Egypt, Israel and Somalia, the Qatar news agency reported.

Kissinger has advised U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan on foreign affairs, and is expected to play some role in the incoming administration.

Oman and Somalia have said they would allow the U.S. military use of their ports in an emergency following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AP) — Turkey's supreme court has ruled that an article in the penal code banning Communist propaganda was constitutional. The ruling of the highest constitutional court appeared in the Thursday's editions of the official gazette.

BEIRUT, (R) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis Thursday received a message from South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad on bilateral relations and the Middle East situation. South Yemeni Foreign Minister Saleh Muhammad told reporters that the message expressed support for Lebanon's unity and independence.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — United Nations headquarters in New York rejected a proposal to do post-mortem examinations on five Palestinians whose bodies were mutilated by Israeli troops in a Christmas day clash, Israeli military sources said Friday. There was no immediate confirmation from U.N. officials.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Heavy snowfall isolated hundreds of villages in eastern Turkey while intermittent rains inundated more than 200 houses on the Aegean coast in the west, officials reported. Floods killed at least one person in Izmir, about 200 kilometers east of Istanbul, while in Bursa, about 350 kilometers south of here, snow cut off overland links with 23 villages.

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Fez

By F.W. Rawding



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS: The Great Mosque of Mosul. Below: The city wall of Fez.

LONDON, Jan. 9 — An attractive photographic exhibition is currently being held at the Israeli Cultural Center gallery in Tottenham Court Road in London's busy west end. Fez has been superbly photographed by Faris who succeeds in evoking all the charm and splendor of this Moroccan city.

Fez is the most ancient and distinguished of the four great seats of the Moorish Sultans. Founded in 790 A.D. by Idris the First, it stood on the right bank of the Wadi Fez. Later additions, on the left bank, made by Idris the Second completed the city about 20 years later.

The city stands in a most beautiful valley ringed by olive clad hills. The most impressive quarter of the city was built by some 1,000 families from Andalusia expelled from Spain by the Caliph Hisham. They brought with them the distinctive styles of Andalusian culture in which Islamic architecture reached a high point of delicacy and

Focus on ancient cities

sophistication. Other immigrant groups arrived in the course of time from Tunisia, leaving their imprint upon this city. A lady from Tunisia, Fatima um al Basim, built the Qayrawin Mosque in 854 A.D. This is the oldest mosque in North Africa. It became a center of learning and thus can be considered one of the oldest universities in the world.

As time went on, a number of important buildings were added, including the royal palaces and the Great Mosque, famous for its extraordinary minaret. The modern city was built by the French, under Marshal Ley, in the year 1916.

For many centuries, Fez was the capital of Morocco. By the middle of the 14th century it had reached its zenith as a center of learning and of commerce. It remains the most important city of Morocco for Islamic learning although it has been overtaken in political importance by Rabat, which became the capital, under the French, in 1911.

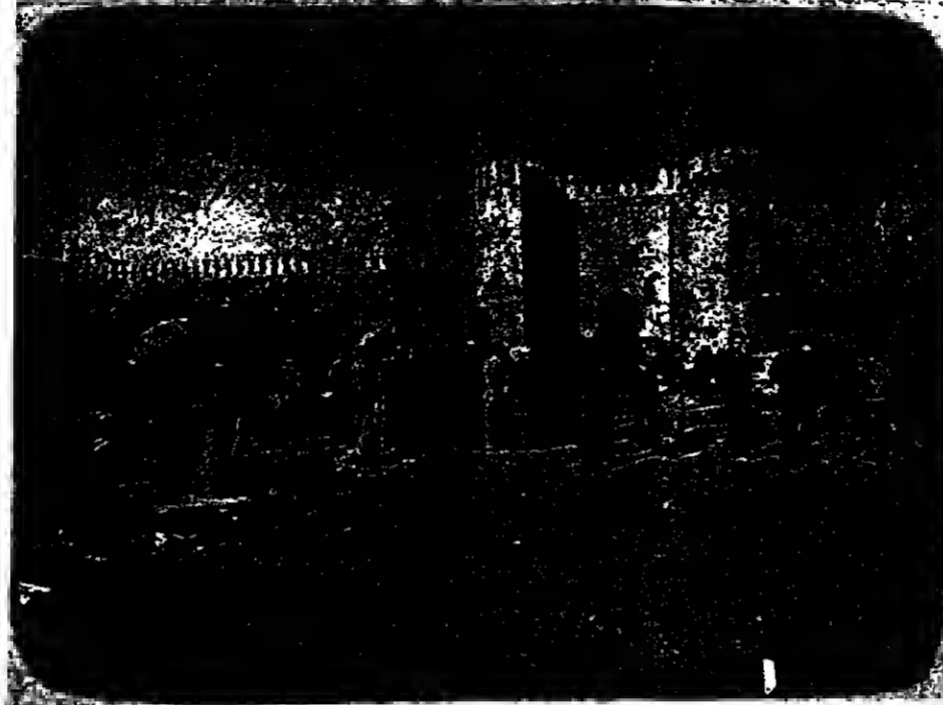
In spite of the march of time, Fez is still remarkable for its Andalusian ambience. It bears the indelible marks of the culture and heritage of Arabic Spain and carries with pride the rich artifacts of its glorious past.

reign of the second Caliph, Umar ibn Al Khattab, in the seventh century A.D. Mosul has had a more than usually dramatic history and its walls have often been raised, destroyed and battered down again in its 13 turbulent centuries.

In a rebellion against the Caliph of Baghdad in the eighth century, the governor of Mosul declared his city independent. This defiance caused Harun al Rashid to lay siege to Mosul and pull down its walls in 793. After 300 years, the walls were rebuilt, even more strongly. Under the Atabegs, the city became a fortress. By the middle of the 13th century, when the Mongols invaded Iraq like locusts, Mosul had become a city renowned for trade and culture all over the Arab world. The entire region, rich and cultivated, was ravaged by the hordes of Hulagu. In 1518, Mosul was occupied by the Persians and 20 years later, by the Ottoman Turks.

A succession of governors built palaces, administrative headquarters and mosques, important and distinguished buildings, representing a variety of architectural styles. Among the most interesting quarters of the city, especially for the traveller, are the numerous and well constructed suqs. The Wednesday Market and nearby, the Suqs of the Hemp Weavers and the Fur Dealers, still resound to the noisy bargaining of buyers and sellers.

Mosul is also famous for its schools and mosques. Nowadays, within what remains of its walls and among its dreaming minarels are carried on the enterprises of a modern industrial and commercial city. Mosul enjoys an excellent and temperate climate.



U.S. space shuttle

Safety margin in doubt

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (ONS), Jan. 9 — Three years behind schedule and \$4 billion over budget, the space shuttle — key to U.S. space exploration and exploitation for the remainder of this century — rolled slowly to its launch pad at Cape Canaveral last week to begin the countdown for a March 14 lift-off.

"And this time it will be a lift-off," beamed one official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "The shuttle's problems are over."

Originally scheduled to put U.S. astronauts back into space in March 1978; the stubby, airplane-like rocket-ship has earned a name in the satellite business as America's space lemon. The reusable ship is designed to be a space "freighter" taking satellites (civil and military), scientists and research projects into orbit and back to earth for a 200 m.p.h. landing. Its troubles, in the generally successful U.S. space program, have been unparalleled. Four serious engine fires during the last two years of testing have raised doubts about what NASA insists are "the lightest, most efficient liquid propellant engines yet developed."

Two inquiries into top-level fumbling resulted last October in a major management shake-up, ordered by NASA chief Robert Frosch. A third investigation is under way into charges that Rockwell International, the prime contractor, tried to conceal from federal officials its huge cost overruns. More than \$9 billion has already been spent on a project budgeted by Congress at \$5.1 billion in 1971 dollars.

After eight years, Rockwell has delivered only one orbiter, the Columbia. By the time the planned fleet of four is complete, U.S. taxpayers will have shelled out at least \$15 billion for their new slice of space technology. Meanwhile, the United States is losing millions in potential launch business. Intelsat, the worldwide satellite communications system, has switched from the tardy shuttle to the cheaper new European rocket, Ariane, for its next three launches. Other companies that have bought space on the shuttle are

reconsidering their options. The delays translate into millions in higher costs for the launching of U.S. space vehicles to Jupiter.

The Pentagon is piqued because it must still use expensive conventional rockets to put its spy satellites into orbit from California's top secret Vandenberg USAF base, one of the craft's two launch sites. If the shuttle schedule slips back again, the Pentagon will have to order three costly Titan rockets to verify Soviet compliance with SALT.

How did the program, initiated with high hopes by Richard Nixon in 1972, get into such a tangle? NASA brass blame that hardy bureaucratic perennial, "lack of adequate funding" by Congress. But California space experts fault NASA for allowing contractors Rockwell, Lockheed and others to forge ahead with hardware for flight models without ground-testing duplicate components as work progressed.

Lockheed has had endless troubles producing and affixing some 33,000 delicate silicon foam tiles to the craft's outer skin to shield it from the blazing (3,000 Fahrenheit) temperature it will hit on re-entry.

Each tile is custom-made for its spot on the ship. Not even the smallest scratch can be tolerated. Workers wear white gloves to prevent the acid from their hands from corroding the tile surfaces.

This two-year-long tiling process was two-thirds complete when Lockheed tests in California showed that the tiles would not stand the stress of reaching the ship's modest 175-mile high orbit. The entire system had to be redesigned, strengthened and replaced.

Troubles notwithstanding, preparations are going ahead for the first launch from Vandenberg base, 150 miles north of Los Angeles, from which 20 secret military space missions a year will start. More than \$400 million has been poured into the huge base this year alone for new 30-story gantries, launch pads, the doubling in size of an 8,000 ft. runway, and even a small harbour to allow the shuttle's two cumbersome fuel tanks to be brought in by sea. The tanks are designed to parachute down into the Pacific after dispatching the contraption orbitward.

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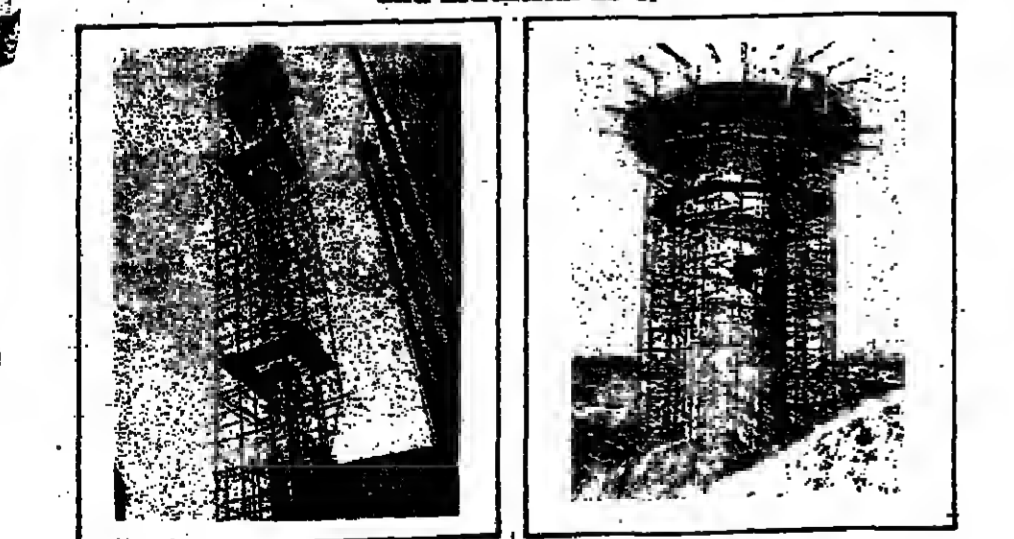
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Hero of Gdansk shipyard

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — Like many of the best heroes, there was something mysterious about his first appearance. On August 14, the early shift at the Lenin shipyard in the Baltic port of Gdansk went on strike demanding higher wages — and a monument to workers killed on the Baltic coast during the suppression of strikes in 1970.

The oews from Gdansk alarmed the Polish government. Strikes had broken out all over the country in a quite uncoordinated way since meat prices had been raised on July 1, but most of them had been settled easily enough with promises of more money.

Gdansk was different. The authorities knew that workers there were angry about bad living conditions. They also knew that the memory of the 1970 killings gave that anger a special bitterness. All this had been signalled for some time by an agitated local party leadership. Not the least of the government's worries, though at first this may not have been so well understood, was the fact that later on that August morning a man in a nondescript grey suit open shirt and sandals had climbed over the shipyard wall.

He was at first glance not a daunting figure, rather slight of build and with a heavy moustache hiding a withdrawn lower lip. But when he climbed on to an excavator to interrupt the shipyard director who was trying to get the men back to work, he was immediately accepted as the strike's leader.

Few people in Poland outside Gdansk and a small circle of intellectual dissidents in Warsaw who published an illegal (because uncensored) workers' paper had then heard of Lech Walesa. He became a public figure, and a budding hero only 17 days later when he appeared on Polish television with a deputy prime minister for the signing of the Gdansk agreement, whose first points created a potential revolution in the Soviet bloc by recognizing the Polish workers' right to form free trade unions.

A rosy round his neck, and a huge ballpoint pen topped by a model of the Polish Pope John Paul II in his hand, Walesa was out of the sort of person Poles were used to seeing on their television screens. He sounded different, too, saying in his rapid, almost stuttering, way that the two sides had agreed because they had both talked "as Poles talk to Poles."

His openly displayed Catholicism and patriotism and his nimble manner at once delighted people. A few weeks later a Polish Catholic weekly, writing in a new and free atmosphere, tried to analyze Walesa's popularity and decided that "the secret lies in the fact that he is a 'worker', but at the same time a 'little knight', unimpressive only in appearance."

There is no questioning his working-class credentials. He was born in 1943 and left school at 16 to become an electrician. What is interesting about those dates is that they make him — like most of the working-class created by postwar industrialization — a true child of Communist Poland. The party had 35 years to fill his mind with its thoughts, and to shape his life by its plans.

Like many Polish workers, he accepts the basics of the system he grew up in. "In our country," he said recently, "things are simpler than they are in the

West because we all form the state and we are closer to responsibility. There is no one between us and the state, no factory owner. It is all simpler, easier and there is a greater sense of responsibility."

But this apart the remarkable thing about Walesa and the Poles of his generation is how little influenced they were by those decades of propaganda reinforced, intermittently, by pressure and sometimes terror. He seems always to have been a bit of a rebel. When he was an eight-year-old schoolboy, a priest, shocked by the way the young Walesa expressed forcible views of his own, warned him he would end up in prison. Since that time, he says, "when I have seen something wrong, I have fought". But this strong character fits in Catholicism as though it were the most natural thing in the world.

His bodyguard, a benign looking brunner who fought in the wartime resistance, wakes him up at six every morning in his flat in a working-class suburb of Gdansk so they can attend early mass.

He openly reveres Cardinal Wyszyński, the primate of Poland. Walesa speaks of him as "a man who is forbidden to lie, who must know the truth and must show it to others". Part of the attraction of religion for a man like Walesa is its truth-telling in contrast with a government that in the past entangled itself in half-truths, evasions and lies.

The experience and beliefs Walesa shares with Polish workers explain the ease with which he talks to them and their trust in him. But it does not explain why he and not someone else became the leader of Solidarity, the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc. It was partly thanks to his experience in Gdansk. He was working at the Lenin shipyard at the time of the December 1970 strike and shootings, and was a junior member of the strike committee set up then.

Fighting against the erosion of the concessions

made then to the workers eventually cost him his job at the shipyard. He was sacked from two more jobs because he was too active and outspoken and was out of work when the strike began last August. Eventually, with a handful of other workers who are now also leaders of Solidarity, he set up an embryo free trade union for the Baltic coast. The authorities gave them a hard time, but it has marked Walesa less than the others. He understands compromise. Some of them believe the government only responds to unyielding toughness.

It was during these years that Walesa came in touch, through the illegal workers' paper *Robotnik*, with a wider world. Walesa is by no stretch of the imagination an intellectual. He doesn't read much. But *Robotnik* was part of a loose society of intellectual dissidents grouped round KOR, the organization set up to help workers arrested after more food price riots in 1976.

The result was that Walesa was by last summer both prepared to be workers' leader and in Gdansk already recognized as one. But he was not prepared, nor for that matter was anyone else, for the speed of events.

Six months ago he was, for the Gdansk police, a jobless troublemaker. Today he is the leader of two-thirds, perhaps more (Solidarity's statistics are still approximate) of Poland's 12 million blue — and white-collar workers. He has had a private meeting with Stanislaw Kania, Poland's Communist leader. He may soon have a private audience with the Pope.

His life has become bizarrely hectic. After the meeting with Kania he rushed off to receive the leader of Japan's largest trade union grouping, to whom he announced that Poland could become another Japan. This is one of his favorite ideas. Another is that the West's riches are not good for it. His wife, with six children to look after, finds that

he brings home handfuls of strangers to breakfast after mass though these days he is often traveling round the country attacking crises with the (so far) woody-working dash of a comic strip hero. His wit and skill at story telling help here, but so do his appeals to patriotism: "Everyone of us is first a Pole, and only second a member of Solidarity." A Walesa meeting usually ends with singing the national, and then the Polish church, anthem.

The question is whether Walesa is more than "a brilliant symbol" (the words of Jacek Kuroo, KOR's leader). He is often criticized for his lack of interest in organization, which did not matter in the dramatic August days but arguably does now the union is trying to consolidate. He is the sort of man who either breaks off a conversation after five minutes or talks for two hours, chain-smoking cheap "Sport" cigarettes. He seldom stays put when chaining a meeting. Secretaries despair of him. Colleagues have to fight for his attention.

And without developed ideas of his own how can he guide Solidarity? At the moment he gets advice from many people starting with the almost invisible councillor assigned him by Cardinal Wyszyński and ending with far more radically minded young workers and intellectuals. "Sometimes I must calm the radicals," he says, "and on other days encourage the timid." It is a difficult balancing act, particularly when a wrong decision could cost Poland so dear.

But what Walesa does have, and which is perhaps worth more than all his possible defects, is a very human common sense that is almost startling in a part of the world where the drums of ideology have been beaten so long and so hard. "It's not a question of being Communist, or Socialist or Capitalist. What matters is that each system should be human, should be for the people and with the people." There are the makings of a quiet revolution in that remark alone.

Chances of Soviet invasion 'very high'

By Michael Geller

WASHINGTON — Although Americans are "breathing more easily about Poland" these days as the prospect of Soviet military intervention appears to be receding, the chairman of the House Intelligence Oversight Subcommittee argues that "the real danger has not passed" and is, in fact, "just about to begin."

In a report published recently entitled "The worst is yet to come" Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., asserts that "the chances of a Soviet invasion are very high." Contrary to many intelligence and press reports which suggested the Soviets had completed preparations to invade early in December, Aspin claims "there is strong evidence" that in reality Moscow wasn't fully ready then militarily or politically and that the real danger will run from mid-January to the end of March.

Aspin says that U.S. officials have been "touting" Soviet preparedness for an invasion since Dec. 3. "It is this official position, more than anything else," he claims, "that has produced the current sense of ease."

But Aspin, whose committee has been studying the U.S. intelligence community's ability to forecast invasions such as those in Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, says this early forecast of readiness for a possible intervention early in December "may be another case of the common intelligence failure of mirror imaging — assuming that others are like us."

The United States, he argues, puts great emphasis on the "fire fighter approach" where speed is important. "The Soviets give much greater weight to advance preparation." The Soviet military, he said, "is both precise and plodding." As in the cases of Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, its procedures require six months for an invasion of this kind and that preparation time won't be up until mid-January.

Though the Kremlin probably still hasn't made up its mind to intervene, Aspin says the "odds strongly favor an invasion" and he cites three reasons.

First is what he calls "bureaucratic momentum," meaning that so much work has gone into preparations and so many careers are on the line that

bureaucrats may be keenly aware they must "use or lose" this January-March "window" after which spring rains and other factors will make it hard to maintain the current forces in place.

If Poland blows up after this time and the troops are out of position, then there are undoubtedly Kremlin officials worried about "taking the bait," he says. Furthermore, he adds, "no other occasion of which we are aware have the Soviets failed to use the mobilized forces at their command after such massive preparations."

Aspin also says Poland's Communists today are anything but a reliable instrument to Kremlin control and that the party leader, Stanislaw Kania, faces opponents within his own party who would like to see a Soviet intervention sweep him from power.

On the military side, Aspin essentially argues that Moscow's "checklist" of preparations is longer than some other U.S. analysts believe it is.

Czechoslovakian intelligence officers trained in the Soviet system, Aspin reports, said it took six months of preparation to invade their country and insist that is the standard time. Measured from mid-July, when Polish labor unrest began, this would mean mid-January would be the start of the danger period.

Though Aspin did not say so publicly, it is known that one factor behind his analysis is the Soviet tendency to exercise its entire invasion force before using it. That process, some sources believe, is not yet completed. The Soviets have more than two dozen divisions in six separate armies and on five different fronts surrounding Poland. The Russians have exercised each division and each army, including visits to each of those major commands by the overall Soviet commander. This was finished early in December. Many specialists here felt this was all that was needed.

But in the case of Czechoslovakia, the Soviets reportedly also had coordinated exercises of entire fronts as an entity before actually attacking. Since early December, and the initial public U.S. warnings, the Soviets reportedly have begun exercising these entire fronts and are nearing completion of these various communications and readiness tests.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of weekend newspapers devoted their headlines to outlining the significance of the upcoming Islamic Summit Conference in Mecca. Egypt led with reports from informed sources that Egypt and Afghanistan would be debarring from the summit meeting, while *Al-Bilad* gave lead prominence to the Qatari Foreign Minister's view that the summit would determine the major objectives of the Islamic nation and that "we are against the imposition of foreign trusteeship." Quoting Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), *Al-Jazirah* reported in a lead coverage that no official response has yet been received from Iran regarding its participation in the summit and that there is no specific proposal for the resolution of the Iraq-Iran conflict.

Newspapers frontpaged reports on renewed fighting in South Lebanon in which the Zionist enemy was reported to have fired artillery shells into areas north of the Litani River. In a front-paged story, *Al-Jazirah* reported that Paris has taken a cautious stance on the Chad-Libyan unity, while *Al-Madina* said that African fears were rising due to this unity.

Newspapers also gave page one coverage to Jordanian King Hussein's renewed support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and the Tunisian President's call to Arab states to reinforce their ties with Europe. A statement by the Deputy Chairman of West German ruling Socialist Democratic Party that it would carefully consider any

desire by Saudi Arabia to obtain German arms figured prominently in *Okaz* newspaper.

Newspaper editorials reiterated that international conspiracies against the Islamic nation provide a good incentive for the nation to remain closely knit together by their common faith, so they are able to confront their enemies and to end their problems. Some editorials concentrated on the tottering position of Begin's government in Israel and urged the Arab states to make a quick move to give a political, economic and military blow to Israel.

Okaz said in an editorial that the nature of developments in the Islamic world necessitate that Muslims adhere firmly to their faith to be able to face emergencies. Their unity and strength would vouch for their victory over the Zionist and Communist forces and would make them capable of crushing any hostility against the Muslims of the world, it said.

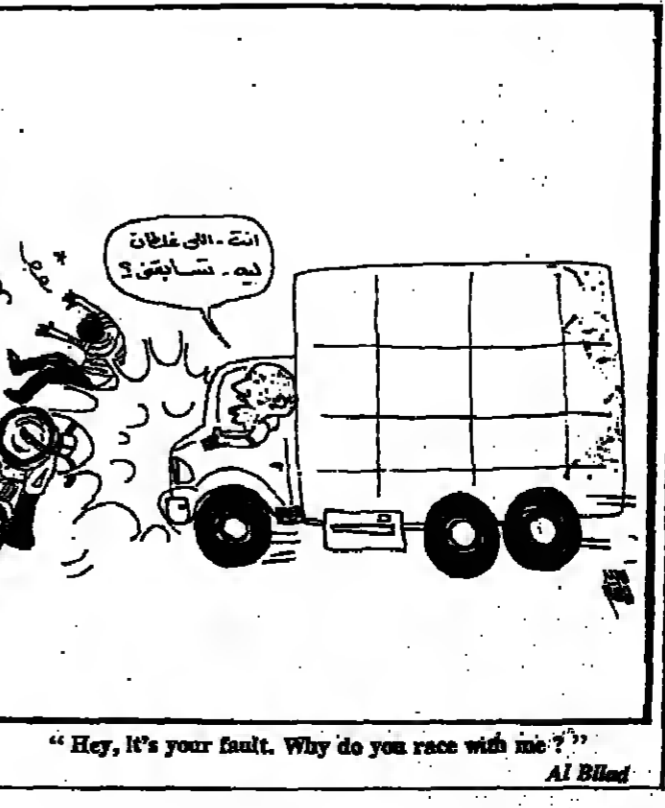
Al-Bilad dwelled on the situation in Israel, saying that the Zionist enemy is trying to impose on the occupied territory by ugly, terrorist methods. Israel is attacking South Lebanon with the aim of polarizing world attention on this region and distracting it from the precarious situation that is prevailing inside the occupied territory itself. The paper urged the Arabs to make a concerted move to save Lebanon and to expose all plots and machinations of world Zionism against the Arab world. It further reiterated that the previous Arab summit conferences of Baghdad and Tunisia had provided greater

opportunities for the promotion of joint Arab action and the Arabs were now called upon to make a practical move to confront communism and give it a crushing blow.

Discussing Israel, *Al-Yom* noted that Begin is afraid of the European initiative and is, therefore, trying to halt its impact on his emasciated government. The paper said Israel's current woes have their root in the nature of the set-up of the Zionist society in the occupied territory, while is only concerned with the plunder of the wealth of others and usurpation of the legitimate right of the people of Palestine. With a 150 per cent inflation, rising unemployment and frequent crimes, Israel now finds itself completely isolated from the world society which has time and again denounced its aggressive policies, the paper added.

In an editorial, *Al-Riyadh* held the view that the new U.S. Administration might reconsider the situation in the Middle East in the light of the European initiative on the Middle East. The paper noted that Europe was delaying any move because of a continuous obscurity in the Middle East situation and its deterioration from time to time.

In an editorial Friday, *Okaz* said the Kingdom's diplomacy has successfully paved the way for the Islamic Summit Conference to fulfill the dream of Islamic unity and solidarity. It urged the nation to keep itself away from the superpower tussles and work dedicatedly to reinforce the position of the Islamic states.



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South America

Illegal drug boom causes inflation

By Timothy Ross

BOGOTA, Colombia, (LAT) — The legal drug industry in South America, with export earnings now exceeding \$5 billion a year, has become an immensely powerful, brutally self-interested and largely invisible force for economic, political and social change.

But the sums of money involved are so vast, the power they buy so far-reaching and the people employed so numerous that the industry has become highly noticeable by reflection on the already troubled surfaces of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, where the volcanic effects of the drug boom are shaking national structures and pushing new, unstable strata to the top.

Whatever the local variables, a figure of \$5 billion in illicit earnings for producers and exporters is a conservative estimate — the U.S. drug enforcement administration puts the figure at nearer \$10 billion.

Bolivia's July 17 military takeover, which prevented President-elect Hernan Siles Zuazo from assuming office as the head of a civilian government, was led by an alliance of organized crime groups, extreme rightists (including a few wanted war criminals) and ambitious military officers. The ordinary pickings of power in impoverished Bolivia are of little importance compared with control of the cocaine trade, whose export earnings have long since overtaken those from the country's principal legitimate product, tin, and in fact are worth more than all the nation's exports combined.

Archaeological evidence shows that South American man has chewed coca leaves for their drug effect for at least 5,000 years, and today for most Amazon jungle tribes and the highland Indians of Bolivia, Peru and parts of Colombia, coca is still at the center of traditional beliefs and rituals, and is grown, traded and used legally and openly.

The physiological actions of coca (different from and vastly more complex than cocaine) are still not fully understood, but research findings indicate that by aiding the human

body to absorb nutrition from poor food and oxygen from thin air, coca is a vital element to survival in the harsh conditions of high altitudes.

Despite repeated half-hearted government attempts to prohibit new planting and to encourage sowing of substitute crops, the ever-growing demand for the raw material of the "champagne of drugs" is spreading coca farming across the thriving coffee and citrus farms of the Bolivian Yungas, steadily being chopped down to make way for the more profitable coca bushes.

The Bolivian police narcotics division estimates coca-leaf production at 35,000 tons a year, more than four times the amount needed for traditional chewing and medicinal needs of peasants, Indians and miners.

The cocaine trade is a high-stakes, double-or-quits game: a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of base, bought in Bolivia for \$5,000, plus a few gallons of chemicals, plastic buckets, glassware, filter papers and basic skills, can be turned into pure sniffing cocaine worth \$10,000 right there in La Paz. If it is taken to Bogota without interference from authorities or other rivals for its possession, the kilogram of white powder and glittering language will have again doubled its price. And if successfully transported to North America or Europe, once again there is a 100 per cent markup.

Maximum profit and minimum risk require a horizontally integrated organization leading all the way from the coca field to the cocaine consumer, with its own transport, communications, banking and enforcement systems, and maximum possible influence over the authorities that might cause trouble.

The big consortia are not satisfied with merely bribing or threatening a few customs officers or police chiefs into cooperation: they work to put their own people into these posts or into those immediately controlling them, or best of all, into the political positions that decide policy.

The five or six active groups running cocaine into the United States, like those of the Miami-based "Godmother" Griselda

Blanco and the New York-area "Garcia group," are Colombian-run, and now control the movement of their merchandise from the base laboratories of Bolivia, Peru and Colombia's eastern plains, through the refining and smuggling stages until it reaches the small-scale wholesaler. Some exporters now take orders, with U.S. delivery guaranteed, for up to one ton at a time, at prices of \$15 million to \$30 million, according to the supply and demand situation, the desired delivery point and the terms of payment.

Bribes are naturally on a commensurate scale: when Bogota police recently confiscated nearly half a ton of cocaine, they also captured more than \$2 million in bills offered them as an incentive not to take any prisoners. If \$2 million was turned down, one can only speculate about the size of accepted bribes.

Bolivia's coca base and pure cocaine exports now run about \$1 billion a year, and since the mid-'70s, the military has been easing its way into control. In Bolivia, two of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza's cabinet members, the education and interior ministers, are among the biggest crime lords of the continent and from top to bottom, Bolivian authorities now seem to be dedicated to pumping out drugs.

In Peru, the Quechua-speaking descendants of the Inca empire who make up the bulk of the highland population are still wary of "Los Blancos" and are largely reluctant to sell the sacred coca leaf for profit, but Mestizo colonists in the lowlands of the northeast, especially around Tingo Maria and Pucallpa, have in the last three years turned coca into Peru's number-one crop, with an export value estimated by Lima authorities at more than \$500 million, from some 80 tons of base, mostly shipped directly to Colombia.

Colombia's national association of financial institutions, a bank-financed think tank, estimates drug income at \$3.5 billion annually, slightly more than all legal export earnings, and brands it the biggest single cause of inflation, corruption and violence.

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Conflicting guerrilla views

Judge's fate hangs in balance

ROME, Jan. 9 (R) — Conflicting guerrilla views on the conditions for his release increased concern Friday for the safety of the kidnapped magistrate by the Red Brigades. Giovanni d'Urso, a justice ministry official responsible for prison transfers, was condemned to death by his captors last Sunday. But the final decision on his fate was left to the imprisoned guerrillas at Palmi and Trani jails. Last night, the Trani inmates took a harder line than their Palmi comrades by approving a stay of execution only if three of their statements were published in the national press.

Brigades, have called for the release of d'Urso. They said he was penitent and had collaborated with his captors. The Trani prisoners verdict was handed to a radical party delegation visiting the jail who had earlier broadcast one of the guerrilla statements on their party radio.

But the government, supported by the press and television, had refused to give the guerrillas any access to the media to air their views.

The apparent disagreement between Red Brigades' factions was highlighted Thursday by a radical party declaration that several jailed guerrillas had said they wanted no part

in the d'Urso affair. The government, which has received a mixed criticism of its handling of the recent upsurge in guerrilla violence, tough questions at the emergency debate on the problem Saturday. It was attacked for hurrying the closure of Asinara jail following the kidnappers' demands but was praised for its tough action in quashing a revolt by Trani prisoners holding 18 hostages.

Since then, the Brigades have gained another victim by shooting dead carabinieri General Enrico Galvagni, a close colleague of d'Urso. He was responsible for prison security.



FILM FESTIVAL: Information Minister Vasant Sathé lighting a lamp, the traditional Indian symbol of learning and purity at the opening Saturday of the eighth International Film Festival of India in New Delhi. Jury members who will judge the films are at right. The festival entered second week now.

Violence at film festival

Delhi student crowd damages theater

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Violent demonstrations had erupted here at two theaters screening international festival films. The reasons for violence were: one theater had too few seats and the other was showing a film which had too little sex. The showing of the Hungarian entry *Balint meets God* was interrupted Wednesday night at Vigyan Bhavan auditorium, where the films competing for awards were screened, when some students pushed their way into the hall and began shouting "stop the show."

tossed chairs around, climbed on tops of tables and held shawls in front of the projection booth. Calm was restored after V.P. Sathé, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, promised a special showing of the movie.

Across town at another theater, an angry crowd stormed out of the hall, demanded their money back and when that failed, began tearing up the theater because the movie they were seeing, the Spanish-made *The Old Memory*, was devoid of sex scenes. The independent *Indian Express* newspaper, under the headline "more sex please — we're Indians," gave an account of the "minor riot." "The people who had paid 10 to 15 rupees (about US \$1.30 to 1.95) each expecting some sex were taken aback when they were shown instead a serious black and white movie with

lengthy dialogues and sub-titles concerning the brutalization of the memory of five victims of the Franco regime," it said. One man kicked out the glass pane of the entrance door, and a large number of theater seats were ripped, the newspaper reported.

Some members of the crowd sold their ticket stubs to the waiting people and these people became more angry than the first group. Police were called to restore calm. The film festival, India's eighth, has proved popular with the movie-mad Indian public. One rule of the festival, sponsored by the prestigious Federation International de Association du Film Producers, is that the films must be shown uncensored and uncensored. A total of 163 films from 53 countries were competing for gold and silver Peacock awards. The two-week festival was opened last Saturday.

Mrs. Gandhi's envoy meets Karmal

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (R) — A special envoy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has met Afghan President Bahrak Karmal in Kabul, All India Radio reported. Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathé went to Kabul Thursday mainly to discuss the conference of foreign ministers from non-aligned countries here in a month. He was also expected to discuss the Afghan situation in detail. His visit follows talks here Monday between Mrs. Gandhi and Afghanistan's Educa-

tion Minister Ratabzad who is a top member of the Soviet-backed government in Kabul and a staunch supporter of President Karmal. Ratabzad brought a message from Karmal saying his government was trying to negotiate with Pakistan and Iran in the presence of a U.N. representative to achieve a practical solution of problems affecting the region. All India Radio did not give details of

Thursday's meeting in Kabul between Sathé and the Afghan leader.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gandhi in what was seen as a reference to Pakistan, said that some neighboring countries were busy with a military build-up, it was reported here. She said they were not only procuring arms but "it is also in the air that they are preparing an atomic bomb."

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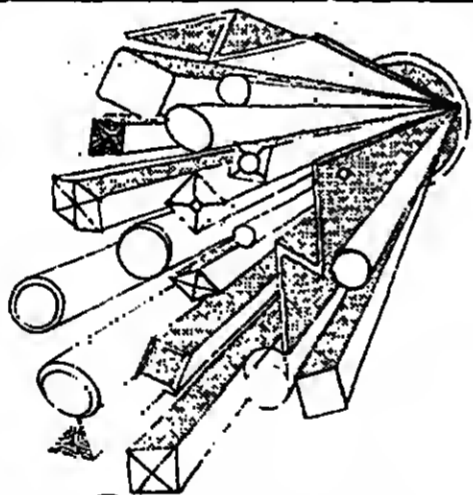
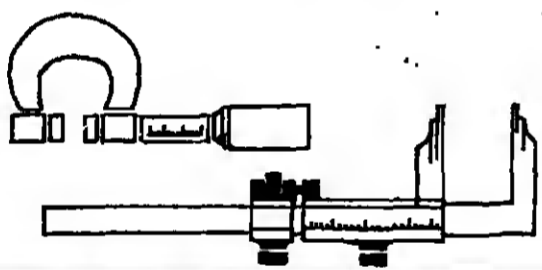
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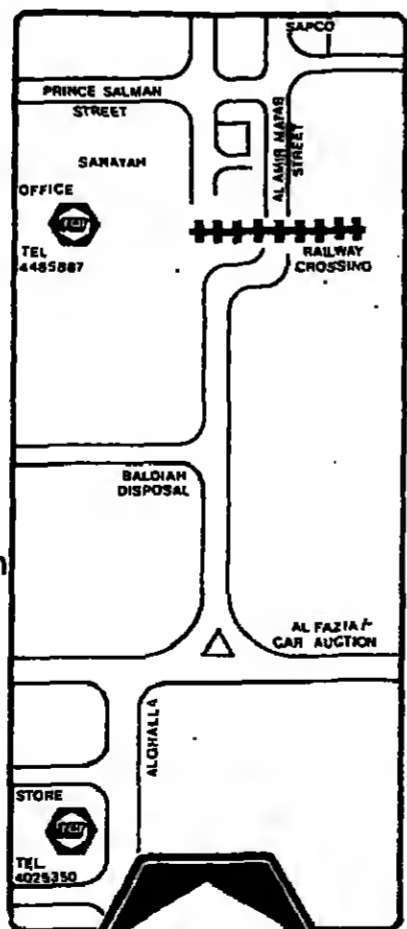
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Soviet spy, in ex-CIA man, jailed

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9 (AP) — David H. Barnett, a former CIA operative, was sentenced to 18 years in prison Thursday for selling intelligence secrets to the Soviet Union for \$92,600.

"I don't think there is any question of the fact that you did harm to this country," said U.S. District Judge Frank Kaufman. Kaufman said the sentence was intended to deter others from selling intelligence secrets. The maximum sentence for espionage is life in prison.

Barnett pleaded guilty last Oct. 29 to a single count of transmitting information to a foreign power. The plea came as part of a bargain with the federal government. The government had agreed not to make any recommendation for sentence, but made a statement detailing Barnett's crime.

Barnett did not withhold the lion's share of the information he had about the American intelligence community," said Assistant U.S. Attorney David D. Queen. "The most amazing information in the hands of Barnett, in the opinion of CIA analysts, was transmitted to the KGB." Queen added in his statement at Barnett's sentencing.

Barnett, 47, now runs an import-export business. George Matava, a justice department lawyer, had described the allegations against Barnett, during the early stages of his trial last fall — before the plea bargain was reached.

Matava said then that the government would prove Barnett left the CIA in 1970 in hopes of making more money. He then failed as a businessman in Indonesia, Matava said, more than \$100,000 in debt, turned to the Soviet KGB in 1976 to sell U.S. secrets.

Over the next three years, Barnett proved an indifferent Soviet spy, Matava said. He lied to the KGB, disobeyed orders, failed to meet goals and was caught by the FBI.

BBC announcer dead

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — Alvar Lidell, the British Broadcasting Corporation announcer, whose measured tones informed the people of Britain of the outbreak of World War II and the abdication of King Edward VIII, has died at the age of 72, his family announced Thursday. The family said Lidell died Wednesday after a long illness. Lidell, who retired in 1969, was the voice of the BBC to millions during the war years. He started his career in 1932 when BBC announcers wore evening dress to deliver the radio news.

Beethoven tops again

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — For the 29th consecutive year, Beethoven's symphonies remained top of the classical charts in London's concert halls last year. There were 50 performances of his symphonies in 1980. Runner-up was Mozart with 39 and Mahler a surprising third with 22 performances.



FORMER PLATTER DIES: David Lynch, top right, an original member of "The Platters" singing group, died of cancer last week in Long Beach, California. He was 51. Others in the group are Irvin Robi, top left, Tony Williams, center, and Herbert Reed.

Contacts with China

Taipei warns against speculation

TAIPEI, Jan. 9 (AFP) — A Taiwanese Government spokesman has warned against speculation about "contacts" between Taiwan and Mainland China, following visits to the two capitals by two influential figures in the U.S. Republican Party of President-elect Ronald Reagan. The two were Chinese-born Mrs. Anna Chennault, widow of wartime American "Flying Tiger" commander in China Claire Chennault, who ended a three-day visit here Thursday, and incoming Senate deputy majority leader Theodore Stevens.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Ta-chen also refuted a report that Foreign

Minister Chu Fu-suog had reiterated Taiwan's long-standing position against any deal with Peking, at a luncheon with them. Chennault and Stevens met Taiwanese President Chiang Ching-kuo Tuesday for an "exchange of views on the international situation in general," according to the government. Earlier they had paid a three-day visit to China. Informed sources said Chennault also met Chiang a second time to brief him on her visit to Peking.

Stevens said Wednesday that his talks with Chiang had created a better understanding between the incoming administration of Ronald Reagan and Taiwan.

Taken to Munich

Soviet envoy defects to West

BONN, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — West Germany has confirmed that a 31-year-old Soviet diplomat, who was working in Austria, defected to the West last month and was taken by government officials to Munich. The defector was identified as Victor Nicolavich Koroliuk.

A spokesman Thursday refused to confirm Austrian news reports that Koroliuk had been an interpreter for the Soviet delegation to the Vienna talks on the reduction of forces in central Europe. According to the newspaper, *Die Arbeiter Zeitung*, Koroliuk had left Vienna before Christmas with a package of

confidential documents and went to airport police in Dusseldorf.

The defector was being guarded by West German counter-espionage police (BND) in an unknown place. BND headquarters are at Pullach, near Munich. A BND spokesman said he was not able to comment on the affair.

In Moscow, the Soviet Foreign Ministry declined comment. "The department refuses to discuss this question," a spokesman told the Associated Press. No one at the Soviet Embassy in Vienna was available for comment. Western sources in Vienna said they had no further information about the per-

sonal affairs of the diplomat but that they heard his term of duty in Vienna was about to end and he had been expected to return to Moscow soon. Austrian authorities said they were unaware of the defection and that Koroliuk had not asked for political asylum.

The interpreter was last seen at his hotel in Baden on Dec. 16. Baden, a town some 30 miles to the South Vienna, had been the headquarters of the Soviet occupation forces until 1955 and Soviet delegations still prefer to stay there when visiting Austria.

Sources in Bonn described the defector as "a man who can tell us a lot."

Mail bomb for Mrs. Thatcher found

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Agencies) — Mail sorters have found an incendiary device in a package sent to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's residence, and Scotland Yard warned political leaders and industrialists to be on the alert for mail bombs.

Police said Wednesday night a mail sorter spotted the package addressed to 10 Downing St., official residence of British prime

ministers, at a London sorting office. No one claimed responsibility for the parcel bomb.

Since before Christmas, security authorities have been braced for terrorist bombings by the outlawed Irish Republican Army and its splinter groups, but police experts said the device was not the type used by the IRA's "provisioal" wing in previous letter bomb campaigns. "It could have caused

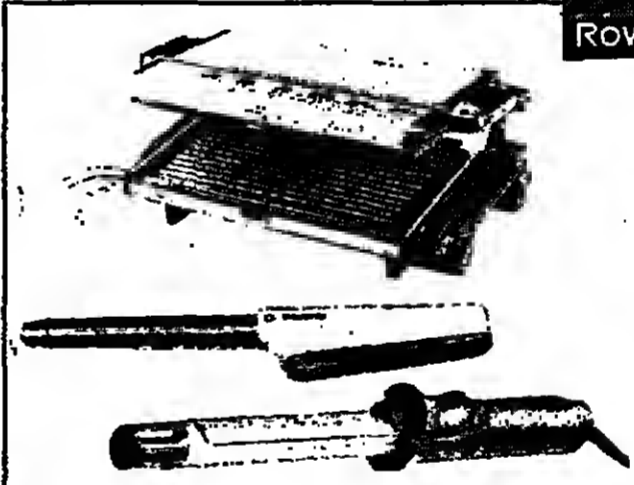
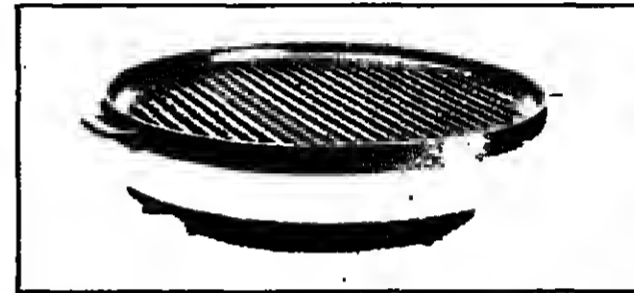
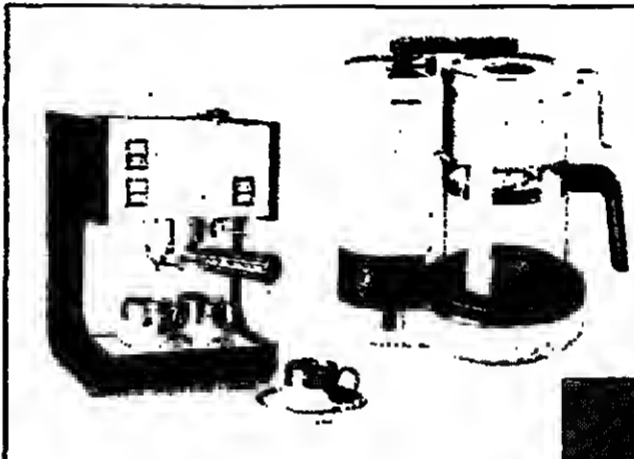
serious injury or death if it had exploded," said a spokesman for the Scotland Yard. He said the parcel was addressed to 10 Downing St., but not to Mrs. Thatcher personally.

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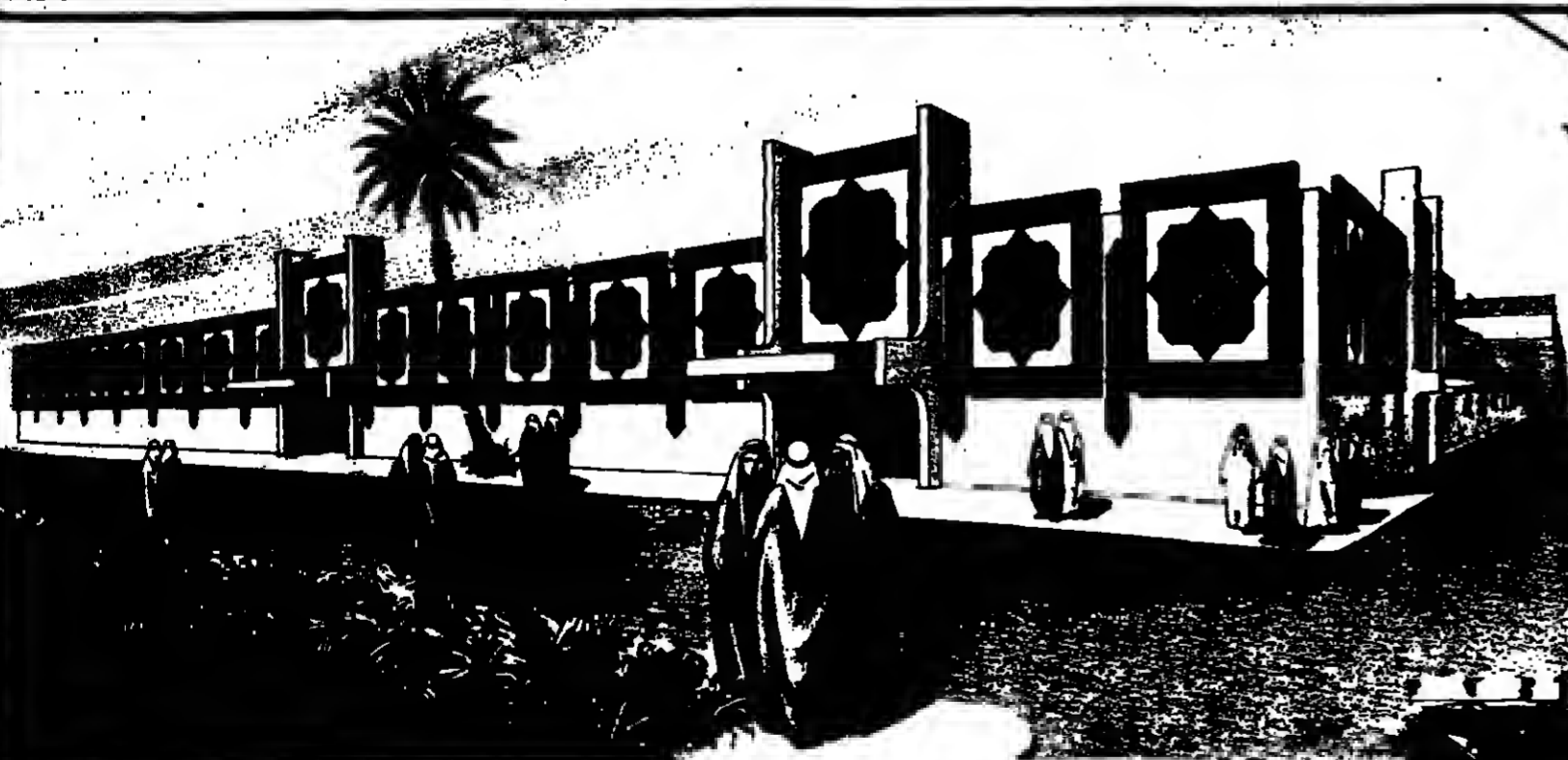
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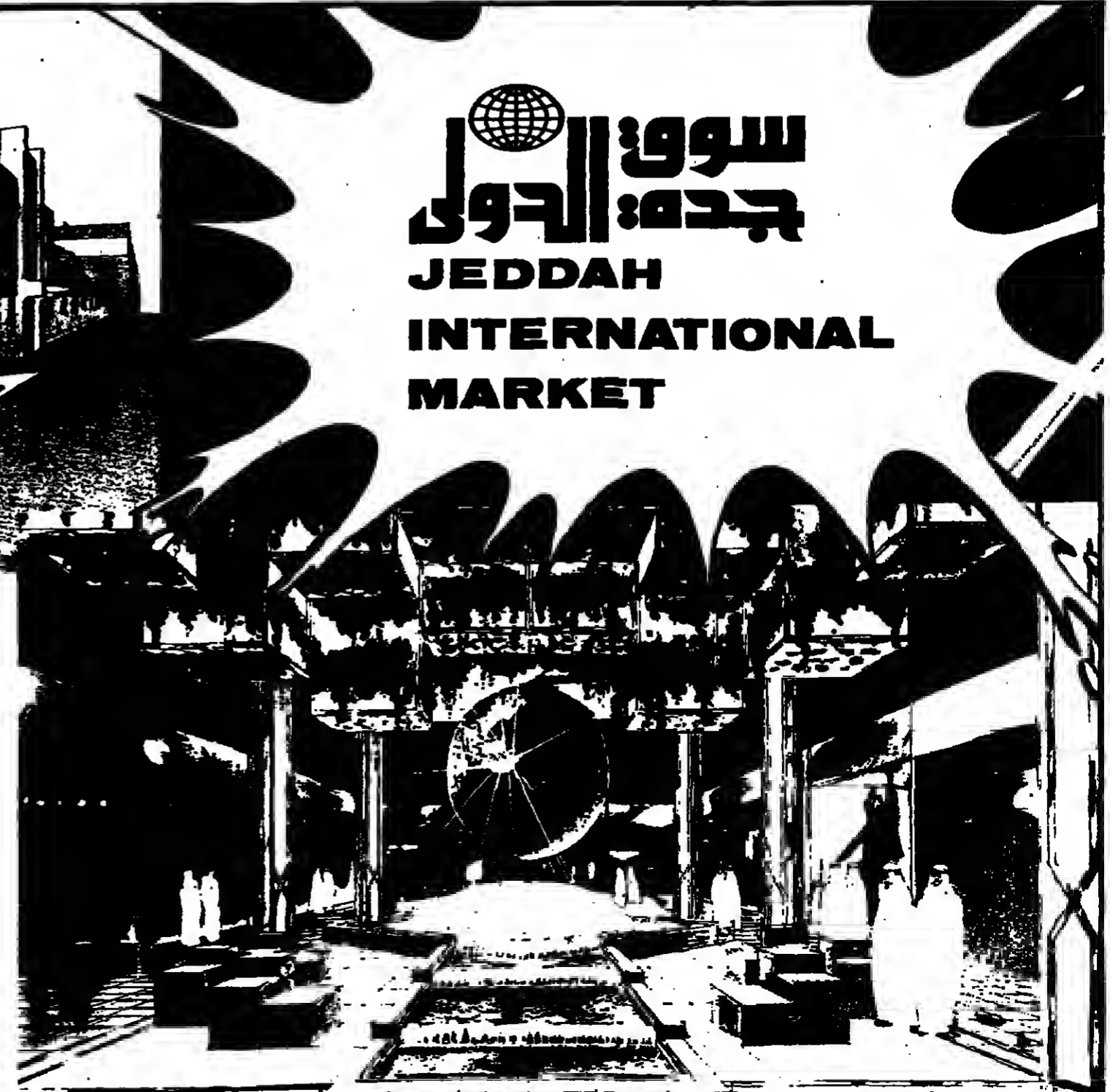
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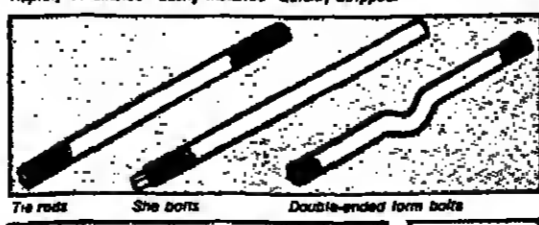
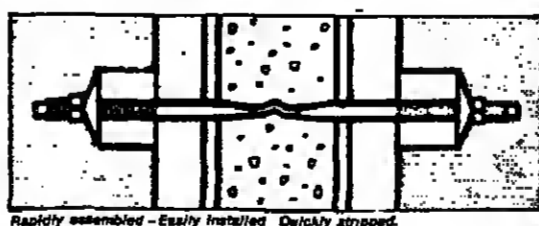
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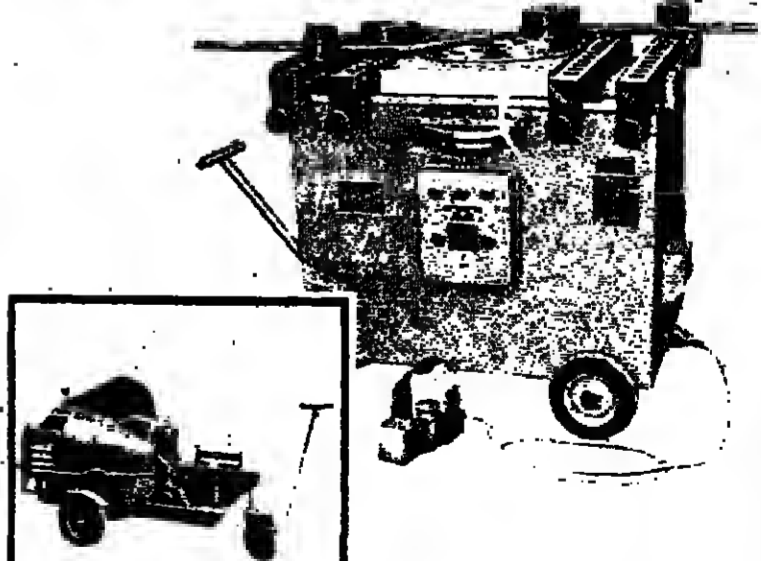
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Cornelia Proell steals the show

FRONTEN, West Germany, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Cornelia Proell, 19, little sister of Austrian great Annemarie Moser-Proell, stole the thunder from World Cup leader Mari-Therese Nadig of Switzerland by winning the Downhill here Thursday.

Nadig, who shot to the top of the standings through two victories in the first three Downhills of the season, slumped to 13th place. Swiss Doris de Agostini and American Holly Beth Sanders followed Proell in second and third.

Women's World Cup holder Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein finished eighth, in her first race of the season. Wenzel injured her knee in pre-season training and was out of action for six weeks.

With three combined events to come and given Wenzel's Downhill-to-Slalom talent, the lady from Liechtenstein still has a chance to repeat as champion.

Proell placed second here last year. She excelled Thursday with a 40.75 time on the winding, demanding top part of the course. "I only hoped to finish in the top three," said the young lady whose 20th birthday is in two weeks.

Proell, a tall blond, was outstanding in her training runs on Wednesday and admitted that her hard work had "paid off." They were calling the course the "Proell trail", a reminder of the days when Annemarie won here seven times in eight years.

Looking forward to the next Downhill and special Slalom at Schruns, Austria, Cornelia said she did not know the trail well and would have an especially hard time in the Slalom.

Nadig said about her run, "I made a mistake at the first gate." The double Olympic gold medal winner's season has fallen off sharply since she began with a win in the downhill in Val d'Isere on Dec. 83.

By Dec. 12, she had won three of the four World Cup events, including a giant Slalom win at Limone Piemonte on Dec. 7.

Halldorson leads

TUCSON, Arizona, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Canada's Dan Halldorson, winner of 1980's final PGA Golf Tournament, shot 7-under-par 63 to go 2-strokes in the lead Thursday in the first event of the 1981 PGA tour, the \$300,000 Joe Garagiola-Tusoc Open.

"Just a very fortunate day," murmured the soft-spoken Halldorson, who coaxed eight birdies from the rain-soaked, 6,762-yard Randolph Park Municipal course for the best score of his pro career.

The 28-year old has reached Golfing maturity in the past few months, while many of the game's leading lights were taking time off. He won the Pensacola Open, the final individual event of the 1980 schedule, then teamed with Jim Neilford in Bogota, Colombia to win the coveted World Cup for Canada and now has opened up with the lead in the first event of 1981.



AN ACROBATIC DISPLAY: Italy's Scirea gets the ball of the danger zone with a splendid reverse kick in their match against Uruguay in the Gold Cup Football Tournament.

Chappell strikes deadly

Aussies trounce Indians

SYDNEY, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Australia scored its second successive nine-wicket win over India in the limited-over Benson and Hedges World Series Cup at the Sydney Cricket ground Thursday, to lead the competition.

Australia had put India in to bat in humid conditions on an extremely well grassed wicket, after intermittent rain in the last two days.

But India's batsmen were completely unable to cope with Australia's pace attack and were dismissed for 63, the lowest score of the Cup competition.

Australia replied with 64 for one, their captain Greg Chappell finishing with 33 not out after magnificent seam bowling in the morning when he took five wickets for 5 from 5 accurate and dangerous slow-medium pace overs.

Two batsmen reached double figures, opener Roger Binny (16) and Gundappa Viswanath (23) and India were all out in less than two hours with Chappell needing to use only four bowlers.

India's captain, Sunil Gavaskar, decided to drop himself down the batting order after his

failures in the first Test, but the move failed to pay dividends for he swung wildly at a delivery from Chappell and was clean bowled for only one run.

Score-board	
INDIA:	
C. Chaudhan b Lillee	2
R. Binny c Marsh b Chappell	16
D. Vengsarikar c Marsh b Pascoe	3
G. Viswanath c Marsh b Hogg	23
S. Gavaskar b Chappell	1
Yashpal Sharma lbw Chappell	6
K. Dev lbw Hogg	0
S. Kirmani run out	4
K. Ghavri c Marsh b Chappell	1
Yograj Singh not out	0
D. Doshi b Chappell	2
Extras:	5
Total:	63
BOWLING: Lillee 5-2-3-1; Hogg 7-2-14-2; Chappell 9.5-5-15-5; Pascoe 4-0-26-1.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-24, 3-26, 4-32, 5-50, 6-54, 7-55, 8-60, 9-61.	
AUSTRALIA:	
G. Wood c Binny b Kapil Dev	11
J. Dyson not out	23
G. Chappell not out	33
Extras:	7
Total (for 1 wkt.):	64
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9.5-2-15-1; Ghavri 4-0-14-0; Yograj 4-1-9-0; Doshi 1-0-6-0; Binny 3-1-13-0.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18.	

Brazil sails into Gold Cup final

With splendid second-half display

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 9 (AP) — Brazil staged a remarkable second half revival to defeat European champions West Germany 4-1 Wednesday night and qualify for the final of the Gold Cup Soccer Tournament.

Brazil needed to win the match by better than 2-1 to eliminate World Cup holders Argentina and earn the right to play host nation Uruguay in Saturday's final of the six-nation competition.

The Brazilians trailed following a goal by Klaus Allofs, but produced a sterling recovery to score through Junior Toninho Cerezo: Serginho and Ze Sergio.

West Germany, unbeaten in 23 matches since the 1978 World Cup, suffered its second straight defeat losing 2-1 in the same Centenario Stadium to Argentina last week.

Brazil has lacked a truly international class team since it won the World Cup in 1970. But new coach Tele Santana's youthful side restored a lot of pride before a crowd of 30,000 spectators here.

After a dull and often aimless first half, in which the Germans had more than their share of scoring chances, the Brazilians fell behind after committing too many men in attack.

Karl-Heinz Runnenmige made a surging run down the right wing and although Allofs missed his cross Tansi Muller was at the far post to play the ball back across the face of the goal. Allofs had the simplest of task to tap it home.

That goal meant the Brazilians had to score three times to make certain of a place in the

final and they wasted no time. Just four minutes later, West German sweeper Rainer Bonhof fouled the impressive Toninho Cerezo outside the penalty area and fullback Junior let fly a shot from 25 meters out that flew past the German defensive wall and helpless goalkeeper Harald Schumacher.

Three minutes later, Edevaldo overstepped to the sideline and knocked his crossback across the box for Toninho Cerezo, completely unmarked, to hammer home.

With 14 minutes remaining, lanky striker Socrates got himself into a good position wide on the right. He galloped into space by beating Forster, drew the hapless Schumacher and fed the ball back into path of substitute Serginho, who had only to guide it into an empty net.

By this stage the Brazilians were rampant, attacking a dispirited German defense from all angles. In the 81st minute, the over-worked Schumacher pulled off a brilliant acrobatic save that denied Socrates. But two minutes later the South Americans scored again.

Left-winger Ze Sergio, a constant source of danger, made a good run and despite being forced outside by Schumacher clipped the ball back into the net from an acute angle. The few thousand Brazilian spectators in the stadium were by now delirious and they had good reason.

Although the West Germans were less than 100 per cent motivated they remain a top class side. The way the Brazilians ripped

open the German defense was a warning for Uruguay, which prides itself on its own defensive organization and has not conceded a goal in five straight internationals.

Much of the credit for Brazil's success must go to Toninho Cerezo, its right-footed mid-field player who was in on nearly every incisive move in the second period.

Twice before the Germans scored he came close to putting the South Americans ahead. In the 48th minute his shot from the edge of the area forced a useful save from Schumacher and three minutes later he headed only just over the bar.

After failing to produce its best form in the 1-1 draw with Argentina and in the first half of the match against West Germany, Brazil's young side could have been forgiven for losing heart.

With Luizinho a steading influence in the defense it showed its mettle by refusing to become ruffled even when the Germans scored.

For long-time Brazilian followers, Saturday's match will be a chance to avenge Brazil's loss to Uruguay in the 1950 World Cup final in Rio de Janeiro. That was Uruguay's second and last World Championship — Brazil has won three.

Brazilian manager Tele Santana praised his team for keeping their heads after the Germans had taken the lead. "We have a young, relatively inexperienced team so our performance exceeded everything we were expecting," Santana said after the match.

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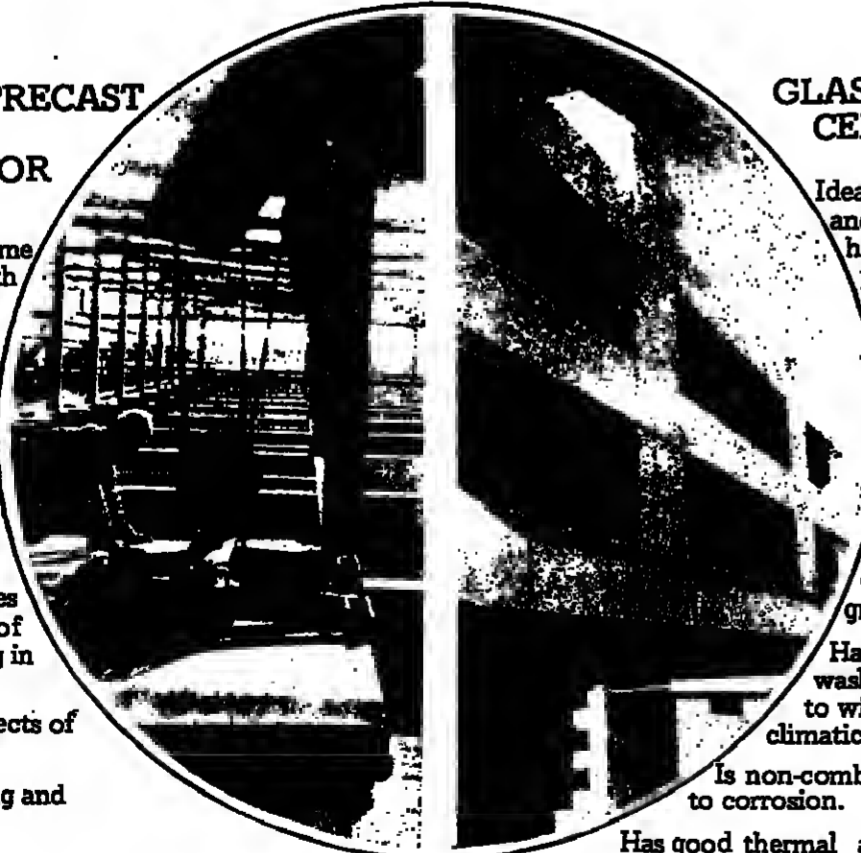
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Easy for Philadelphia

Ref. helps Indiana to sixth win in row

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP) — A call by referee Tommy Nunez gave the Indiana Pacers a 116-115 National Basketball Association triumph, their sixth in a row, over the New York Knicks Thursday night.

Nunez called offensive foul tending against New York's Sly Williams with two seconds left in overtime, nullifying basket that almost surely would have given the Knicks a one-point victory.

Indiana rookie Louis Orrhain scored six of his 14 points in the five-minute overtime period, including a pair of baskets off offensive rebounds that gave the Pacers a 116-113 edge with 50 seconds to play.

Birtles strikes at last

LONDON, Jan. 9 (R) — Garry Birtles, who cost Manchester United £1.25 million finally obliged with a goal in the English Football Association (F.A. Cup) Wednesday night.

Injury and poor form has dogged the England striker since he changed clubs, but he was on target at last as United beat Brighton 2-0 at Brighton in the third round replay.

Birmingham also scored an away win after being held to a home draw Saturday. An 88th-minute goal extended their match at Sunderland into extra time and they ran out 2-1 winners with substitute Tony Evans scoring the decider.

In other third round replays, first division Tottenham Hotspur outplayed London rivals Queens Park Rangers of the second division, winning 3-1, and Bristol City beat Derby 2-0 in an all-second division contest.

Hilal prevails over Ahli

By Muzir Muhammad

JEDDAH, Jan. 9 — Despite the absence of five of its regular players, Hilal defeated Ahli 2-1 in Riyadh Thursday to maintain the lead in the National Football League.

After a cautious start, Hilal gained in confidence and attacked the Ahli goal. Deih, Hilal's Brazilian forward, missed several opportunities. However, in the 25th minute, Deih made amends for his earlier lapses when he put his team ahead following an exchange with Musaibeh.

The second half too, began on a quite note, but in the 37th minute Ahli scored a surprise goal. The equalizer came from a ball lifted by Bandar Sirour to Amin Dabu, who headed it into the net.

Ahli fans' applause was cut short within half a minute. After centering the ball, Hilal's Khajed Ghanem led through the right wing and crossed the ball into the 18-meter line to

Bill Cartwright's shon jumper cut the margin to one, then Mike Glenn tipped the ball away from Indiana's George McGinnis to give the Knicks one last chance. Ray Williams tried an off-balance jumper from the right baseline, but it was off line until teammate Sly Williams guided it in from directly in front of the basket.

That's when Nunez ruled the ball was at least partially in the imaginary cylinder directly above the basket when Williams guided it, which made it offensive goaltending. He immediately waved off the basket, giving Indiana the victory even though the Pacers were outscored 29-11 from the foul line. Billy Knight topped Indiana with 25 points, while Bill Cartwright led the Knicks with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Milwaukee Bucks 98, Atlanta Hawks 95: Junior Bridgeman scored 26 points in the fourth quarter as Milwaukee rallied to beat Atlanta. The Bucks, trailing 77-60 with 1:40 left in the third quarter, stormed back to win their sixth game in a row and 12th straight at home.

Darryl Dawkins, sick with a virus before gametime, led the Philadelphia 76ers to a 135-102 victory over the San Antonio Spurs Wednesday night.

"Maybe those germs kept San Antonio away," quipped Dawkins, who hit seven of eight field-goal attempts and teamed with Julius Erving to help the 76ers take control early with a 35-point first quarter.

The 76ers hit 65 per cent of their shots in the first quarter as they raced to a 35-22 lead behind 10 points by Dawkins and nine by Erving. Dawkins extended Philadelphia's advantage to 16 points with a free throw and a dunk to start the second period and the Spurs never got closer than nine points the rest of the way.

be netted by Mansour Bashir for their winner. Ahli tried to equalize, but Hilal reinforced its defense.

Among the matches of the 13th week of the football league was Shabab's victory over Jabalein 4-0 in Riyadh Wednesday. The first half ended with a goal for Shabab through Francesco. Two of Jabalein's players were expelled from the game by the referee in the 30th minute of the second half. Francesco and Bruno, both Brazilians, scored three goals to end the game 4-0. With this result, Shabab shifted higher from the bottom, leaving Jabalein and Riyadh behind. The last two teams of the top two clubs would descend to Division 'A' at end of the league.

Nahda and Qadisiyya were tied 1-1 in Dammam Thursday. Both goal coming in the first half, which was played much below the average. Muzir Shisba scored for Nahda in the 37th minute while Saud Jaseem got the equalizer in the 45th minute.



SPEARHEAD: Darryl Dawkins, who led the 76ers to a fluent victory.

Chinese beaten again

PARIS, Jan. 9 (AFP) — China's volleyball team lost again to the French here 11-15, 15-6, 15-13, 15-11, 15-9 Thursday after losing 3-1 at Saint-Quentien on Tuesday.

The Chinese good start was ruined when the young French team snapped back in the second set. Despite losing a hotly contested third set, the French won the last two sets for the victory.

Edmondson gets past Tom Gullikson

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Australian Mark Edmondson was tidy and tough here Friday when he defeated American Tom Gullikson 6-3, 7-6 in the quarter-final of the South Australian Tennis Open.

Edmondson, who made the quarter-finals beating little known American Glen Holroyd 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, has not won a majorsingles title since the South Pacific Classic in Brisbane in 1978.

He will meet Syd Ball, who won the event in 1975 in the semi-final while Drewett who beat C. Johnstone also from Australia meets E. Edwards in the other semi-final.

John McEnroe, ranked No. 2 in the world, and veteran Jimmy Connors chalked up first-round victories Wednesday in the \$350,000 Michelob Light Challenge of Champions Professional Tournament.

Vitas Gerulaitis and Roscoe Tanner also were winners in the first round of the eight-man, round-robin, double-elimination tournament.

McEnroe was a come-from-behind winner in his match with Eliot Teltscher, losing the first set 5-7 before taking the second 6-3 and winning the match 7-6.

Connors scored a straight-set win over Johan Kriek, 7-5, 6-1, in the first evening

Teltscher extends McEnroe

match. In afternoon matches, Gerulaitis knocked off Peter Fleming, taking the first set 7-6, dropping the second 3-6 and winning the third 6-2.

Tanner emerged victorious in the other afternoon match, defeating Harold Solomon 6-3, 6-4.

Bill Scanlon (US) settled down after a shaky first set to beat fellow countryman Chris Mayotte, 7-6, 6-1, in the quarter-finals of Benson and Hedges Open in Auckland Friday.

Scanlon, the No. 1 seed, meets local hero Onny Pakun Saturday. Parun, who beat Scanlon in a challenge series match last Sunday, had a tough battle in overcoming fellow Zealander Russel Simpson, 6-4, 6-7, 10-8.

American Billy Martin also had a gruelling match against Ron Hightower. He found qualifier Ron Hightower, a 22-year-old former university of Arkansas student extremely difficult, and can thank Hightower's inexperience as a professional for his victory.

Martin dropped the first set but came back to take the second 7-6 on a 7-5 tie-breaker result.

Former world junior number one, Martin, was a break ahead twice in the decisive third

set, but lost that advantage both times. Finally Martin grabbed another break for a 5-3 and made sure of victory in his own service game in an attempt for 7-5.

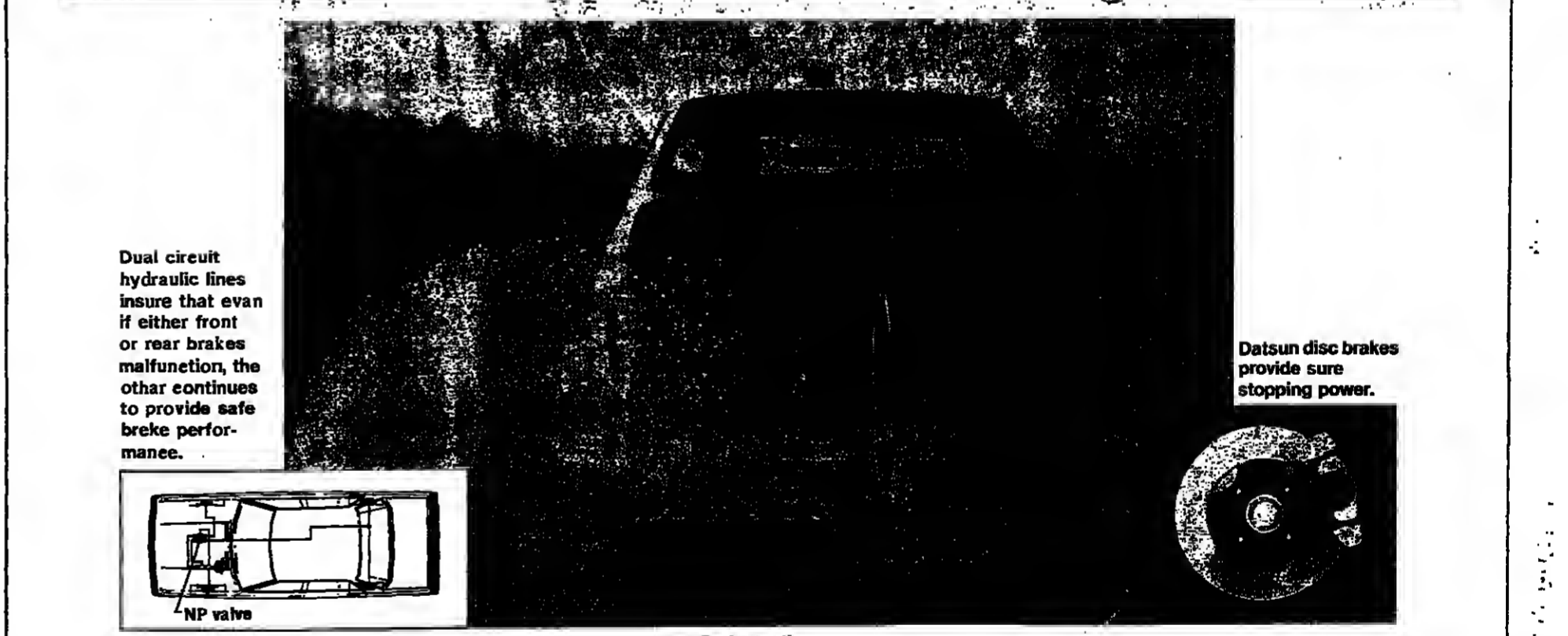
The semi-finalists for the Orange and Blue Groups in the £100,000 World Doubles Championship here are Americans Vic Amaya and Hank Pfister; Australians Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee in the Blue Group and Americans Stan Smith and Bob Lutz; Heinz Gunthardt and Sandy Mayer in the Orange group.

On Thursday S. Smith and B. Lutz beat Kevin Curren and Steve Denton 6-7, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; H. Gunthardt and S. Mayer beat Wojtek Fibak and Tomas Smid 6-3, 6-4, 7-6; P. McNamara and P. McNamee beat Buster Mottram and Frew McMillan 7-6, 6-4 6-4; V. Amaya and H. Pfister beat Marty Riessen and Sberwood Stewart 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

In Maryland Chris Evert Lloyd was too sick to play and forfeited to Martina Navratilova, Tracy Austin whipped Mandlikova and Andrea Jaeger and Wendy Turnbull knocked Virginia Ruzici and Pam Shriver out of the eight-woman masters.

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1. You bid One Diamond and, after North responds One Spade, you bid Two Clubs. North bids Two Spades. What would you bid now?

2. You bid One Diamond and North responds One Spade. When you then bid Two Clubs, North responds Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

3. You are the dealer and the bidding goes:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass

1. Three spades. Your hand is by no means a minimum opening bid and you therefore cannot afford to pass. Nor should you bid three clubs, which might equally bring matters to a grinding halt. The fact is that when partner bids spades a second time, after you've shown a two-suiter, he is almost sure to have six or more of them. Consequently, your K-8 are adequate trump support and you should show that support — as well as your extra values — by raising partner to three spades. North may well have something like this:

♠QJ9762 ♥83 ♦A5 ♣J84

in which case you'd surely want to be in game.

2. Three clubs. It is true you have extra values not revealed by the three-club bid, but at this juncture it is more important to reveal the two-suited nature of your hand. You may well be on the way to a slam, but before you can consider how high you're going, you have to clarify which way you're going.

Your partner has already made two forcing bids, he is not expected to stop bidding now. If he displays interest in one of your suits, you can then announce your excess values.

3. Four notrump. Four spades is a cuebid announcing interest in a slam and you should happily go along with partner by using Blackwood. Not only is a small slam indicated at this point, but there is a chance for a grand slam. Thus, if North has:

♠A72 ♥A394 ♦A1083 ♣K6

you will be able to go all the way by bidding four notrump followed by five notrump.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You could get bogged down in others' problems. Peace and quiet are elusive. The late p.m. is your best bet for success.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Watch a tendency to overdo when socializing. A pleasant surprise from a close one. Good news from a distance may buoy your spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You could overplay your hand if you mix business with pleasure now. A problem can be solved by day's end.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Home problems could cause a delay in travel. An unexpected meeting is a nice surprise. The late p.m. brings harmony with others.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Your financial judgment may be off. Be careful signing papers. There is a chance of unexpected company.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Watch early hassle about money. A visit could prove romantic. Evening promises good times if you go out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Take a minor upset in stride. The p.m. brings a speedy recovery. Home-based activities are your best bet now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Clandestine meetings aren't favored. Late in the day is the best time to deal with troublesome issues with loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Company could upset your domestic routine. You may have a secret admirer. The p.m. favors family life and the enjoyment of possessions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You may have to alter your thinking about a career move. Wait until later before you make up your mind. Things improve then.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Travel may be costlier than anticipated. Safeguard valuables. An unexpected encounter may have romantic overtones.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Don't throw caution to the winds in spending. Evening brings a happy social life. You're popular and can impress others now.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 M.D.'s group	1 French city
4 Premarital affair	2 Humid
10 Actress Patricia	3 Hickock's last hand
11 Philippine city	4 Mephitic "Wizard of Oz" star
12 Recline	6 "
13 Behindhand	7 Clear Day
14 Letter	7 Holding four of a kind
15 Beverage	8 F.D.R.'s mate
16 "Ball —"	9 Beam
17 Majestic	13 Ex-heavy-
19 Collection	13 weight champ
20 — a one	
21 Marksman	
22 Took a cab	
24 Bog down	
25 With accounts settled	
26 Bullet	
28 Wrath	
29 Jacket material	
32 Work unit	
33 One (Ger.)	
34 Have (Scott.)	
35 Kentucky city	
37 Moslem title	
38 Bristly	
39 Man's nickname	
40 Holiday	
41 Desiccate	

Yesterday's Answer

18 Taken, in one syllable	27 Deplane
21 Coal dust	29 Hire
22 Free	30 Alert
23 Foreign	31 Thirst
26 Fish catcher	36 Destiny

Believe It or Not!

JUNE HAVOC, THE ACTRESS, SURVIVED DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION IN THE 1930s BY WORKING IN DANCE HALLS—DANCING FOR 3600 HOURS AT A TIME. Submitted by Tom Higgins, Grahamsville, N.Y.

GARBAGE EFFICIENTLY BURNED COULD SUPPLY THE ENERGY EQUIVALENT OF 400,000,000 BARRELS OF OIL EACH YEAR—NEARLY 10 PERCENT OF THE PRESENT TOTAL OIL PRODUCTION IN THE U.S. Submitted by Leon Walsh, Carpentersville, Ill.

RADIO PAKISTAN

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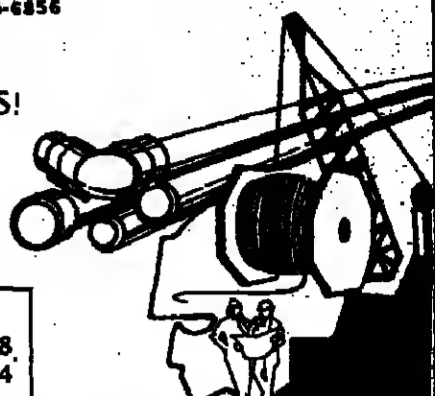
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Hopes of accord soar

Tehran holds talks with intermediaries

TEHRAN, Jan. 9 (R) — Algerian intermediaries in the American hostage crisis held "intensive" discussions with Iranian officials Thursday, diplomatic sources reported.

No details were disclosed, but other sources have said the Iranians were making efforts to reach an early settlement of the 14-month-old hostage saga rather than deal with the incoming Reagan administration which takes office in 12 days' time.

The sources noted that the latest round of talks between Iran and three Algerian envoys coincided with a sudden trip to Algiers by U.S. deputy secretary of state Warren Christopher.

The envoys themselves said only that they had no immediate plans to leave the Tehran for home.

But any details of their talks could be relayed through the Algeria embassy here, in the same way as the Iranians submitted a list of questions two days ago on the latest U.S. proposals for the hostages' release.

Meanwhile, the officials here confirmed

Dollar is firm

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP) — The dollar was firm on world money markets Friday propped up by rise in eurodollar interest rates. Gold prices rose slightly.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$579.75 a troy ounce, up from \$575.25 late Thursday. In Zurich the metal traded at a median \$579.50 an ounce, up from \$573.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$578.92 up \$3.95. Gold finished at \$573 in New York late Thursday afternoon. Silver was quoted in London mid-morning at \$15.70 an ounce, up from \$15.53.

Aptitude test report causes controversy

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9 (AP) — Mathematicians, infuriated over a study reporting that men are genetically better than women in mathematics say "it is virtually impossible to undo the damage" of the publicity surrounding the report. At a news conference Thursday during a meeting of the American Mathematical Society, a half dozen mathematicians — men and women — called the finding "ridiculous" and "disturbing." The study was published in the Dec. 12 issue of the *Journal of Science*.

Two of the mathematicians here responded to the study in an editorial to be published in the *Journal's* Jan. 16 issue. "It was irresponsible of *Science* to publish the study," said Alice Schafer of Wellesley College and Mary Gray of American University. They said they were not arguing that the study should not have been published, only that "unsupportable hypotheses" should have been kept out.

The study by Camilla Benbow and Julian Stanley of the psychology department at Johns Hopkins University indicated that seventh-grade boys did significantly better than the girls in the mathematics aptitude test.

the arrival of the American clarifications in negotiating the release, but added that details remained to be finalized by the U.S.

In Washington, U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan Thursday said he would not "sign a blank check" to obtain the freeing of the hostages.

Speaking after the first working meeting with his designated cabinet, Reagan said he intended to uphold any hostage agreement signed by Tehran and President Jimmy Carter's administration although he did not know the exact details of the American position about the negotiations.

But "one should not be asked to sign a blank check," Reagan said.

He also said that he reserved the right to review the hostage crisis if the captives had not been freed by the time he is inaugurated on Jan. 20.

"I am hoping and praying" that the hostages will soon be freed, Reagan said when asked if he thought that negotiations were on the verge of a breakthrough.

The departure of America's number two diplomatic chief was announced unexpectedly after the latest exchange with Iran was discussed at a White House "crisis staff" meeting attended by President Carter, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

The meeting followed the receipt of question from Iran Tuesday and the dispatch of a U.S. reply with unprecedented speed the same day.

6 killed in plane crash

GUATEMALA CITY, Jan. 9 (AP) — A Honduran Salsa airliner crashed into an unoccupied school here Thursday killing all six crew members, aviation authorities said. Aeronautics Director Col. Antonio Batres said the Electra Turboprop was leaving Aurora airport for the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa when it crashed shortly before 6 a.m.

The cause of the crash was not immediately determined. Authorities speculated the plane was trying to return to the airstrip when it crashed 800 yards short of the runway.

'Florine' plays havoc

ST-DENIS DE LA REUNION, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Cyclone "Florine" has whirled southwards away from this French Overseas Department in the Indian ocean, leaving 400 homeless after blowing for nearly 24 hours at up to 300 per hour through the southern tip of the island. There were no deaths, official sources said Thursday afternoon when the cyclone alert was lifted.

600 held in Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AP) — More than 600 opposition party demonstrators were arrested in Calcutta when they marched through the streets demanding higher government support prices for farm produce. The demonstrators were cane-charged when they held a rally Thursday. Nine people were injured.



UNION TALKS: 'Federation Solidarity' leader Lech Walesa speaking at Thursday's session of the union's plenary meeting in Gdansk. The union has been agitating for a five-day work week.

Polish union demands five-day work week

WARSAW, Jan. 9 (AP) — Poland's largest independent union has demanded a five-day work week and some local chapters instructed members to stay home Saturday raising the specter of a nationwide union-government confrontation. The government warned late Thursday in a communique published by the officials news agency PAP that those who stayed home would have their pay cut for the time they didn't work. In another development, Warsaw Television said there were signs of "anarchy" in scattered Polish towns including Wlodek, Jelonia Gora, Krosno, Olaszyn, Czestochowa and Torun.

It claimed "open pressure" was being exerted on local authorities to force leadership changes and added: "This display of oisly anarchy hindering the development of public law and order." Although the national union, Federatio Solidarity, vowed during a meeting in Gdansk to defend its demand for free Saturdays, it stopped short of threatening a nationwide strike. The action was taken despite the government's claim that a 40-hour work week would further cripple the nation's economy.

Solidarity's determination to gain free Saturdays was the first major threat to the relative calm that has prevailed in Poland since December, when Soviet and Soviet-bloc troops massed on Poland's borders, raising fears of military intervention. Western and Czechoslovak sources said, however, that military activity along Czechoslovakia's border with Poland has decreased. The action of Solidarity, claiming to represent some 10 million workers, rejects a government plan to phase in reduced working hours.

Solidarity said it would hold the government to its promise, made last August in Gdansk, to remove Saturday as a work day. Deputy Premier Jagielski, who negotiated the settlement of last August's strikes in the Baltic area, told a national television audience that the nation could not now afford a five-day week.

Jagielski said the government was offering two formulas: either two Saturdays off per month or all off with an extra half hour tacked on to each work day. He called on all Poles to accept the government's formula saying the country should phase in the 40-hour work week over several years.

Guerrillas ready to sign truce pact in Namibia

GENEVA, Jan. 9 (AFP) — The guerrillas fighting South African rule in Namibia were ready to sign a cease-fire agreement immediately, their spokesman said here Friday, but the spokesman, Theo Ben Gurirab, said that so far the U.N. conference on Namibia's future has been obstructed by "well-calculated maneuvers" by South Africa. He accused Pretoria of trying to "wreck the meeting while at the same time to gain international recognition for the puppets they are parading as the representatives of the Namibian people."

Gurirab told a news conference that the guerrilla South West Africa People's Organization saw the talks here as "the meeting to end all meetings on Namibia". It is intended to end all meetings on Namibia in the 14-year guerrilla war and to move toward elections under international supervision leading to independence by the end of the year. The SWAPO man said that Thursday's public session at which the members of the South African-backed Namibian parties were introduced at their demand, had not changed the position

of SWAPO and South Africa as the principal parties to the talks.

"We sincerely hope that we will get down to business now that we have treated to a circus and public show", Gurirab said. After Thursday's session, where the 25-member SWAPO delegation responded to the internal parties introduction with a mass clenched fist salute, the conference held its first working session. Martti Ahtisaari, the U.N. commissioner for Namibia, discussed details of how the commissioner and the South African administrator-general are to work together during the period after the cease-fire and preceding elections. More work sessions were scheduled Friday on the role of the 7,500 member U.N. military-civilian force that will monitor the cease-fire and the elections, and on the repatriation of the estimated 40,000 Namibian refugees who have fled to Angola and Zambia during the war.

Meanwhile, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim left for New York after having presided the open sessions. The talks were scheduled to run through next Wednesday.

Broken cable brings darkness

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Thousands of homes were plunged into darkness, heating systems stopped, automatic fire alarms sounded, and motorists crashed at intersections but a heart transplant operation continued when a broken high tension cable cut electricity supplies to consumers in four mid west states. Utility workers were battling Thursday to restore the power which deprived a million and a half people throughout Utah, and parts of Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada of electricity for five hours Thursday. The blackout was caused by a broken dam at Glen Canyon, southern Utah. This

sparked a chain reaction through the four state network, utility officials said. Local hospitals switched over to their own power sources when the lights went out. At the Salt Lake City Medical Center a heart transplant operation continued while lights flicked off all around. Operations for later in the day were cancelled.

Road accidents in the city also increased when traffic lights switched off, police said. A student broke both legs when he fell four floors after an elevator stopped. The switch-off started fire alarms ringing leaving the fire genuine,

Japan P.M. pledges aid to ASEAN

MANILA, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Friday fired off a double-pledge to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). Japan would do its utmost to "bring Vietnam to the conference table" over Kampuchea and improve the economy of ASEAN members so that no "outside nation" could exploit conflict in the region.

The Japanese prime minister made the pledge at a press conference on the second day of his three-day Philippine visit on a tour of the five ASEAN members. He leaves for Jakarta, Saturday, Suzuki told newsmen that Japan was ready to seek "common objectives" with ASEAN leaders to expand agricultural and human resources, and as a regular member of the U.N. Security Council would join efforts with ASEAN "in order to exercise every effort to bring Vietnam to the conference table" and resolve the Kampuchea issue peacefully. He added that Japan was ready to link up with the ASEAN on energy problems.

Viet shells land again in Thailand

BANGKOK, Jan. 9 (AFP) — Five artillery shells landed in two Thai border villages Friday as Vietnamese-led forces fought Khmer Rouge guerrillas in the extreme west of Kampuchea, field reports said. According to the reports, the villages of None Sang and Salong Kong, 15 km. south of the key Thai border town of Aranyaprathet, took the overspill which came after a night-long struggle between the rival forces.

The reports, which could not be confirmed, said the fighting broke out when the guerrillas moved to attack a Vietnamese unit stationed at Po Sam Ton. In an interview with AFP at the border, a guerrilla said the Vietnamese were currently being "thrown off balance" following an order from "angkar" (the Khmer Rouge's top decision-making body) to step up resistance activities opposite Thailand's eastern provinces of Surin, Burir Ram, Prachin Buri and Trat.

Soviet sub 'stuns' U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has launched a new cruise missile-firing submarine which will make United States aircraft carriers ten times more vulnerable, the *Washington Post* reported, quoting navy officials.

The Soviet anti-carrier force would be extended ten times by the jumbo submarine code-named Oscar. The sub was estimated to weigh 10,000 tons compared with the 6,000 tons for the U.S. equivalent, the Los Angeles class, the *post* added in its Thursday's report which described U.S. intelligence officials as "stunned" by the discovery.

Good Morning

By Ihsan Khazem

Credit cards — the devil's own invention, where you are encouraged to buy things you don't need with money you don't have — are something of a rarity in the Arab world. I have two of them to use here in Britain, and they are giving me enough trouble. But I heard recently that a chap in America, an addict by all accounts, who has succeeded in accumulating 902 of the wretched things. The report which carried this feat did not explain how much money the fellow has, or whether indeed he has any left.

The pressure to buy, if you have a credit card, soon becomes irresistible. You go to one of the great shops here and come out laden with goodies. All it cost you, or so you think at the time, is your little signature. But come the end of the month and your kindly bank manager starts acting decidedly nasty: the credit card people have been in touch, you see, and "how do you propose to deal with the matter, sir?"

A friend, quite rich incidentally, told me recently that he made his wife the gift of a credit card. I told him that he ought to have his head examined. He said laughing, "what can a single sparrow do in a huge cornfield?" meaning he has so much money and his wife can do what she liked. I saw him again recently, and he was a changed man. "You remember what I told you about the sparrow and the cornfield? Well, that was some blessed sparrow. The field now is no more..."

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

Too much cholesterol causes heart disease

BOSTON, Jan. 9 (AP) — A 20-year study of the diets has confirmed suspicions that too much cholesterol plays a role in the development of fatal heart disease, doctors say. The report is the first major American study to find a long-term health advantage to reducing cholesterol in the diet.

The link between heart trouble and diet has not been proven despite age-old suspicions. Still in doubt is just how important cholesterol is in the development of heart disease. The doctors found that men whose diets include a lot of high cholesterol foods were slightly more prone to heart disease than those whose diets included less cholesterol.

Dr. Richard B. Shekelle, who directed the study, said eating too much saturated fat is unhealthy.

Reincarnation claimed

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (AFP) — A seven-month-old baby boy in a west Delhi tenement is attracting crowds as rumours spread that he was a reincarnation of the late Sanjay Gandhi, younger son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, it was reported here Thursday. The English daily, *Hindustan Times*, said, in a front-page article, that the boy, born June 23, 1980, the day Sanjay died in a plane crash, woke up one night last week and told his mother, "I am Sanjay Gandhi, I want to see my son."

British author is dead

MONTREUX, Jan. 9 (AFP) — British author A.J. Cronin, who wrote the *Cavalier* and *Keys of the Kingdom*, died here Tuesday. He was 84, it was learnt here Friday. Cronin settled in Switzerland in 1955 after having lived in Hollywood and on the French Riviera.

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